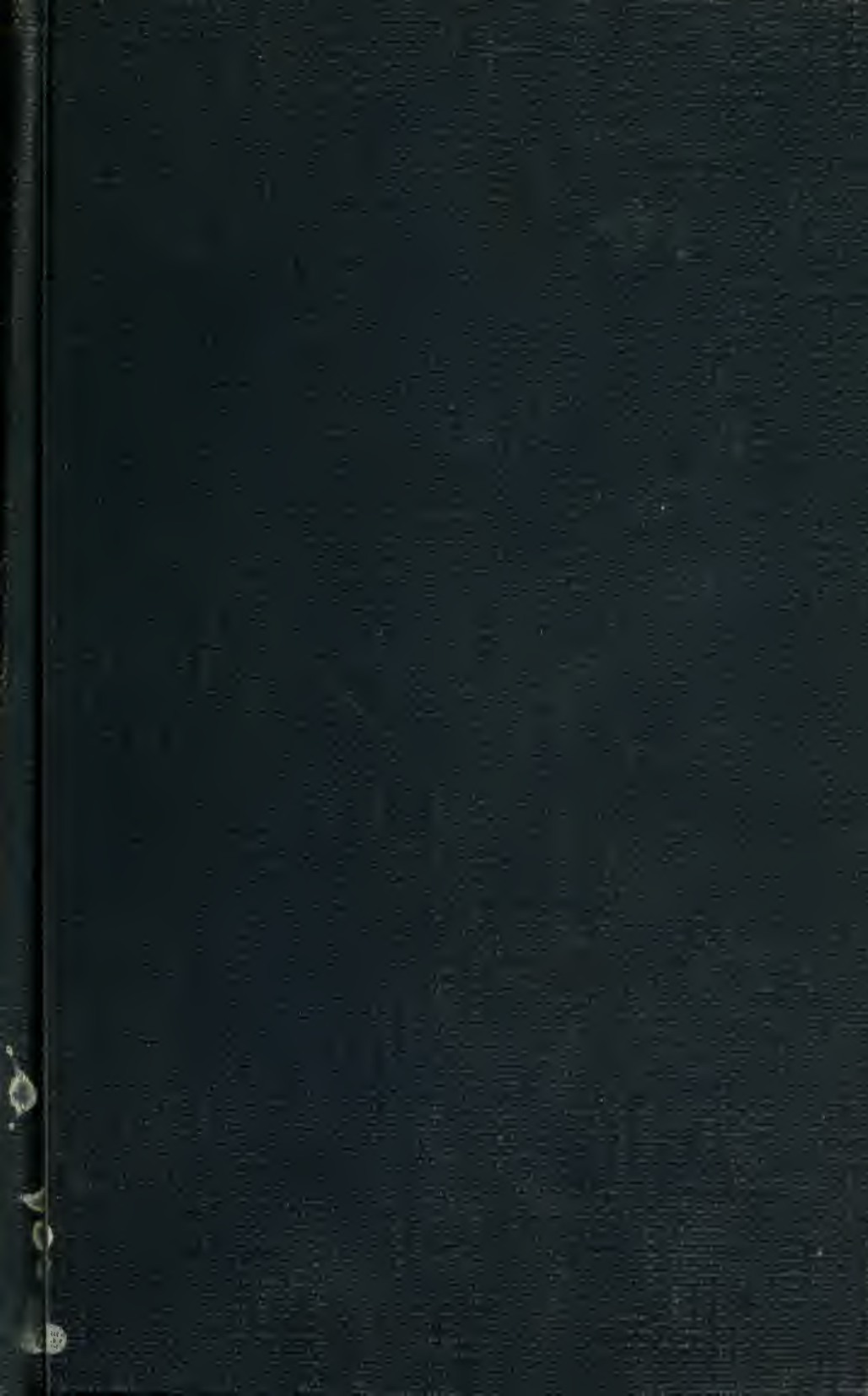






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OF THE

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS.

Of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened according to appointment in Grace Reformed Church, at Akron, Ohio, on Wednesday, the first day of June, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, and closed its sessions on the afternoon of the eighth day of the month, at a quarter after five o'clock.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, pursuant to appointment, convened in Grace Reformed Church at Akron, Ohio, on Wednesday, June 1, A. D., 1887, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening. In the absence of the retiring president (Rev. Benjamin Bausman, D. D.), and by his request, the opening sermon was preached by Rev. Edmund R. Eschbach, D. D., vice president, from II Cor. 5:13 and 14: "For whether we be beside ourselves, it is to God: or whether we be sober, it is for your cause. For the love of Christ constraineth us."

The synod, having been constituted with prayer, by Vice President Eschbach, proceeded with the enrollment of its members, and in effecting a permanent organization.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

FROM THE SYNOD IN THE UNITED STATES.

CLASSES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
<i>E. Pennsylvania.</i>	Harry M. Kieffer, (1) Tilghman O. Stem (1)	William Keller (1) John Teel (1) P. P. Schaffer.
<i>Lebanon.</i>	Jonathan E. Hiester, D. D. George Wolff, D. D. (2) T. Calvin Leinbach (2)	Ephraim B. Shuey. Levi J. Groh (1) Ezra E. Troutman.
<i>Philadelphia.</i>	J. H. A Bomberger, D. D. David Van Horne, D. D. James I. Good.	Hiram C. Hoover. William W. Sweisfort. Abraham Schwenk.
<i>Lancaster.</i>	Jonathan H. Pannebaker. Thomas G. Apple, D. D. John P. Stein.	William H. Seibert.
<i>E. Susquehanna</i>	John A. Peters. William G. Engle. S. Sidney Kohler.	David Yost. R. S. Aucher. Silas Cooper.
<i>W. Susquehanna.</i>	William A. Haas. (3) Zwingli A. Yearick.	David Keller. John Rossman.
<i>Goshenhoppen.</i>	Clement Z. Weiser, D. D.	James M. High, Esq.
<i>Tohickon.</i>	Abraham B. Koplin, D. D. Benjamin B. Ferer.	William H. Rudolph. Joseph Proctor.
<i>Lehigh.</i>	Samuel G. Wagner, D. D. William R. Hofford. Thomas N. Reber, (4)	F. P. Mickley. Benjamin Kern.
<i>Schuylkill.</i>	Oliver H. Strunck. Henry A. Keyser. Calvin S. Gerhard.	James T. Reber. Daniel Shepp. Henry Y. Stoner.

FROM THE SYNOD OF OHIO.

<i>Miami</i>	Samuel B. Yockey. Jerome B. Henry. George H. Souder.	Horace Ankeney. Andrew H. Baughman. Benjamin Kuhns.
<i>Lancaster.</i>	Louis B. C. Lahr. John Vogt, D. D.	Irvine Yost (5) Henry L. Crider.
<i>Tuscarawas.</i>	Rufus C. Zartman. Jonas B. Shontz.	Joseph Oberlin. Philip Herbruck.

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1. Took their seats at the opening of the morning session on Thursday.
 2. Rev. Dr. Franklin W. Kremer, *secundus*, occupied the seat of Dr. Wolff on Monday, and the seat of Rev. T. C. Leinbach on Tuesday and Wednesday.
 3. He took his seat at the opening of the morning session on Friday.
 4. His seat was occupied during the last day of the session by Rev. N. S. Strassburger, *secundus*.
 5. He took his seat at the opening of the morning session on Thursday.

CLASSES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
<i>Tiffin.</i>	H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D.	Lewis Keller.
	John I. Swander, D. D.	Henry Stoner.
	Geo. W. Willard, D. D.	John Deck.
<i>Eastern Ohio.</i>	John J. Leberman.	Robert Bell (1)
	John M. Kendig.	John Williard.
<i>N. Illinois.</i>	Frank Wetzel. (2)	Daniel Frantz. (2)
	Joshua Wolbach.	
<i>Iowa.</i>	Dewalt S. Fouse.	John R. Wetherell.
<i>St. Joseph.</i>	Allen K. Zartman.	F. D. Paulus.
	Theodore J. Bacher (1)	
<i>Kansas.</i>	Thomas F. Stauffer. (2)	John W. Keefer. (2)
	R. Leighton Gerhart. (2)	
<i>Wichita.</i>	Dennis B. Shuey. (2)	Jacob H. Brown.

FROM THE SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST.

<i>Zion's.</i>	Charles F. Kriete.	Rudolph Boerger.
	Charles Schaaf.	Charles Gerber.
<i>Sheboygan.</i>	Herman A. Muehlmeier, D.D. (1)	
<i>Indiana.</i>	Henry M. Gersman.	Herman Preefer.
	Peter Joerris. (1)	William Stienecker.
	Abraham Schneck.	
<i>Milwaukee.</i>	(No members present.)	
<i>Minnesota.</i>	George Loos. (1)	
<i>Nebraska.</i>	(No members present.)	
<i>Ursinus.</i>	Christian Baum. (1)	
<i>Missouri.</i>	(No members present.)	
<i>Chicago.</i>	(No members present.)	

FROM THE SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.

<i>Westmoreland.</i>	Lucian Cort.	Samuel C. Remsberg.
	Albert E. Truxal.	William R. Barnhart.
<i>Clarion.</i>	David B. Lady. (2)	Philip J. Shoemaker.
	Samuel Z. Beam.	
<i>St. Paul's.</i>	John W. Pontius.	Christian M. Boush.
<i>Somerset.</i>	John M. Schick.	John H. Zimmerman.
	John M. Evans.	Hiram H. Grady.
<i>Allegheny.</i>	Harry D. Darbaker.	William E. Schmertz.

FROM THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

<i>Zion's.</i>	Frederick J. Sauerber.	Jerem. Z. Hildebrand.
	Israel S. Weisz, D. D.	Benjamin Seitz.
<i>Maryland.</i>	J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D.	Goldsboro. S. Grifflith.
	William Rupp, D. D.	Peter W. Shafer.
	Edmund R. Eschbach, D. D.	James M. Girvin.

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1. He took his seat at the opening of the morning session on Thursday.
 2. He took his seat at the opening of the morning session on Friday.

CLASSES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
<i>Mercersburg.</i>	Franklin F. Bahner. Cyrus Cort.	William Dice. Frederick A. Daihl.
<i>Virginia.</i>	Samuel N. Callender, D. D. Barton R. Carnahan.	David S. Rentch.
<i>North Carolina.</i>	George Wm. Welker, D. D.	
<i>Gettysburg.</i>	John C. Bowman. David N. Dittmar.	Henry Lady.
<i>Carlisle.</i>	J. Marion Mickly.	
<i>Juniata.</i>	Ellis N. Kremer. Frederick A. Rupley.	John A. Mowry.
<i>San Francisco.</i>	(No members present.)	
<i>Portland—Oregon.</i>	(No members present.)	

FROM THE GERMAN SYNOD OF THE EAST.

<i>New York.</i>	John F. Busche.	John Berge.
<i>West. New York.</i>	Moritz Heinze.	
<i>Ger. Philadelphia.</i>	Nicholas Gehr, D. D.	George M. Ehrlen.
<i>Ger. Maryland.</i>	Marcus Bachman.	Christian Roth.
<i>W. Pennsylvania.</i>	Max F. Dumstrey.	

FROM THE CENTRAL SYNOD.

<i>Heidelberg.</i>	John H. Stepler. Philip Ruhl. Peter Greding, D. D.	John S. Zimmerman.(1) John G. Raiser.
<i>Erie.</i>	Herman J. Ruetenik, D. D. 2) Henry Nau.	Christian Saupe. Eberhard Gerkins.
<i>St. John's.</i>	Jacob Dahlman, D. D. John G. Zahner, D. D. (3)	John Kling. Louis Zellner. (1)
<i>Cincinnati.</i>	John Bachman. John G. Kuhl.	Henry Schroer. (4) Andrew Hanauer.

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT FROM

Lebanon Classis.—Rev. Franklin W. Kremer, D. D.
Philadelphia Classis.—Revs. Edward D. Wettach, Silas P. Mauger.
Lehigh Classis.—Rev. Nero S. Strassburger.
Miami Classis.—Revs. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Michael Loucks, Henry M. Herman, D. D.
Tuscarawas Classis.—Revs. John H. Beck, Frederick Mayer, Emil P. Herbruck, Sebastian C. Goss, Solomon Ream, Jonathan A. Novinger.

1. He took his seat at the opening of the morning session on Thursday.
2. His seat was occupied during the last day of the sessions by Rev. Aug. E. F. Schade, *secundus*.
3. His seat was occupied during parts of Tuesday and Wednesday sessions by Rev. Fred. Strassner, *secundus*.
4. He took his seat at the opening of the morning session on Friday.

Tiffin Classis.—Revs. Herman Rust, D. D., Edwin R. Wil-liard.

Eastern Ohio Classis.—Revs. George W. Henning, John H. Bomberger.

Wichita Classis.—Rev. John W. Love.

St. Paul's Classis.—Revs. Edward E. Gruenstein, Freder-ick Pilgram, Frederick B. Hahn, Samuel H. Eisenberg.

Allegheny Classis.—Revs. Peter C. Prugh, John H. Prugh, Milton F. Frank.

Mercersburg Classis.—Rev. Jacob Hassler.

Virginia Classis.—Rev. John A. Hoffheins.

Gettysburg Classis.—Rev. Henry Hilbish.

Juniata Classis.—Rev. Isaac N. Peightel.

San Francisco Classis.—Rev. Charles M. Schaaf.

New York Classis.—Rev. Charles H. Ebert.

Heidelberg Classis.—Rev. Edward D. Miller.

Erie Classis.—Revs. Christian H. Schoepfle, Nicholas Wiers, Christopher Schiller, Julius Herold, William Renter, J. H. C. Roentgen, Augustus E. F. Schade.

St. John's Classis.—Revs. Frederick Strassner, Joseph A. Keller, C. F. W. Stechow, Charles Schmitt, John B. Rust, William Braun.

Cincinnati Classis.—Rev. John Wirz, John M. Grether.

MINISTERS FROM OTHER CHURCHES.

Rev. Dwight L. Chapin, Presbyterian Church.

“ E. K. Young, D. D., Methodist Episcopal Church.

“ J. C. Bucher, “ “ “

“ M. J. Fiery, Evangelical Lutheran Church.

“ T. E. Monroe, Congregational Church.

“ D. C. Eckerman, Evangelical Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. George Wm. Welker, D. D., *President*, Lamont, N. C.

Rev. Samuel N. Callender, D. D., *Vice President*, Rock-ingham, Va.

Rev. Charles Schaaf, *Vice President*, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *Stated Clerk*, Miamisburg, O.

Rev. Jacob Dahلمان, D. D., *Assistant Clerk*, Akron, O.

Rev. Albert E. Truxal, *Cor. Secretary*, Manor Station, Pa.

Mr. Christian G. Gross, *Treasurer*, 3716 Haverford St., Phila.

On motion, during the afternoon session on Friday, Rev. Dewalt S. Fouse was appointed Reading Clerk for the present sessions of General Synod.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of the Potomac Synod, during Monday evening session, reported in item 7, that said synod in adopting the Rules of Order, authorized by the General Synod in 1884, urged some constitutional objections to some of these rules, and refused acquiescence in them. The subject matter of this item was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. Geo. W. Williard, John P. Stein, Peter Joerris, and Elders Christian M. Boush and Henry Lady.

This committee, during the evening session on Tuesday, submitted their report, which was received and adopted :

Your special committee, to whom were referred the exceptions and modifications made by the Synod of the Potomac to the Rules of Order adopted in 1884 by the General Synod at Baltimore, recommend the following :

Resolved, That Rule 7 be so modified as to read as a whole: "A quorum to transact business in any judicatory of the church shall consist of the number of members prescribed by the constitution."

Resolved, That Rule 26 be so amended as to erase "unless by unanimous consent," and to insert in its place the words "unless by consent of the body."

Resolved, That Rule 37 be erased from the Rules of Order.

Resolved, That the latter clause of Rule 65 be so amended as to read that "a judicatory may make such elections by acclamation, as do not conflict with any existing law."

Resolved, That Rule 69 be so amended as to insert "any member" in the place of "five members."

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. WILLIARD,
JOHN P. STEIN,
PETER JOERRIS,
C. M. BOUSH,
HENRY LADY.

Committee.

On motion, the following action was adopted :

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to publish the Rules of Order, as now amended, in the minutes of the present synod, and that the attention of the several district synods and classes be called to these amendments; and further that these subordinate judicatories be enjoined to revise their former action on this subject accordingly.

THE RULES OF ORDER.

As amended and adopted, and designed for the government of the several judicatories of the Reformed Church in the United States, are as follows :

I. ORGANIZATION, ETC.

1. The president shall take the chair at the hour to which the judicatory had been adjourned, immediately call the members to order, and open the session with the prescribed religious services.

2. In the absence of the president the stated clerk shall call the members to order, and put in nomination a president *pro tem.*, who shall preside until the president is present, or until an election has been held. Should the president and stated clerk both be absent, then the oldest minister present shall perform this office.

3. The roll shall then be called, on which the names of all those entitled to a seat and having proper credentials shall have been entered, and about whose right there is no contest. If a quorum be present, the judicatory may proceed to business; but if not, any two members present may adjourn from time to time to give opportunity for a quorum to assemble.

4. If a contest be made as to the right of any one claiming a seat, or there be present two or more sets of delegates from a lower judicatory, the matter shall at once be referred to a committee, who shall examine into the case, and report at the earliest possible time.

5. As soon as an organization has been fully effected an election shall be held for such officers as may be required by the constitution of the church or the custom of the judicatory.

6. The limits which define the bar of the house shall be determined immediately on the organization, by the president, and no one without it shall be able to use any right of a member of the judicatory.

7. A quorum to transact business in any judicatory of the church shall consist of the number of members prescribed by the constitution.

II. DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

8. When the president has opened the session and finds a quorum present after the first day, he shall cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read, and, if necessary, to be corrected, when he shall declare them approved; and before the final adjournment the remaining pro-

ceedings shall be read and corrected; and when no further corrections are required the president shall say: "Shall the minutes be now approved?" If no objections be made, he shall declare them to stand approved.

9. He shall preserve order, guard against the violation of the constitution of the church and the rules of order, and endeavor to conduct all business to a speedy and proper conclusion.

10. He shall, as soon as possible after the organization has been effected, appoint the several standing committees required for the prompt accomplishment of the business before the judicatory to the number designated by the constitution or its custom; and, unless otherwise provided for, he shall appoint all temporary committees that may be called for in the process of business.

11. He shall keep exact account of all items of business that have been laid over or assigned to a particular day, and call them up at the proper time.

12. He shall receive all minutes, reports, communications, etc., addressed to or intended for the judicatory, and with its consent refer them to their appropriate committees.

13. He shall sign the minutes and all addresses or circulars, etc., issued by the judicatory, and decide all questions of order subject to an appeal.

14. He may state a question sitting, but shall rise to put it, and in this form: "As many as are in favor (as the question may be) say 'aye.'" After the affirmative is expressed,—“As many as are opposed say 'no.'” If in doubt as to the result, or a division is called for, those voting in the affirmative shall rise, stand, and be counted; after which those voting in the negative shall also rise, stand and be counted, when the president shall announce the result.

15. The president shall vote in all cases when the vote is by ballot, or when his vote would be decisive. In all cases of a tie the question shall be lost.

III. DUTIES OF THE STATED CLERK.

16. The stated clerk shall have prepared in advance of the time of the meeting of the judicatory a complete roll of its members, and as soon as possible perfect a roll of those members present for the use of the president.

17. He shall make a correct and concise minute of all its proceedings, and carefully preserve the same. He shall, if required, make up a correct and authenticated copy of the same, and transmit the same in due time to the higher judicatory for review. He shall read all papers by order of the president; shall publish due notice of the time and place of all stated meetings, and, by order of the president, of all special meetings.

18. No memorial, communication or other paper confided to his care shall be withdrawn from the files without the warrant of the judicatory.

19. He shall make a digest of the legislative actions and all decis-

ions made on constitutional questions, or the rules of order, by the judicatory, for convenient reference.

IV. THE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

20. After the minutes have been read and approved, an opportunity shall be given to announce the presence of recently arrived members or secondi, in order that they may be recognized.

21. Business unfinished at a previous session shall be first taken up, unless a special order has been set for that hour.

22. Reports from permanent committees shall have precedence, except in cases where a matter has been set for a special hour.

V. MEMBERS—THEIR RIGHTS AND DUTIES.

23. Every member shall be present within the bar of the house while the judicatory is in session, unless excused or necessarily prevented, and shall vote on each question put, unless previously excused, or unless he has a direct personal or pecuniary interest in the determination of such question.

24. Every member, in speaking, shall rise and address himself respectfully to the president, and, being recognized, may proceed to address the judicatory. He shall treat his fellow-members, and especially the president, with decorum and respect, confining himself to the subject under discussion, and avoiding all personalities.

25. During the transaction of business members shall not engage in private conversation; nor in debate shall one address himself to another, or to any one present except the president.

26. When two or more members rise at the same time, the president shall name the one who is first to speak. No member shall speak more than twice, nor longer than one hour, on the same question, unless by consent of the body. The chairman of a committee, however, may open and also close when general debate has been had on a motion reported by him. A member who has spoken to the main question may speak again to an amendment.

27. When any member, in speaking or otherwise, shall transgress the rules of order, or deviate from the subject under discussion, or in any way act disorderly, the president shall, or any member may, call him to order, when he shall immediately take his seat, unless permitted to explain, when, if the judicatory be satisfied, he may proceed in order; but if the case require it, he shall be liable to censure or reprimand.

28. No member when speaking shall be liable to interruption, except with his permission or for the purpose of correcting a mistake or a misrepresentation.

29. While the president is putting a question, or a member is speaking, no one shall pass between the president and the speaker, or walk across the floor.

30. No motion can be made while a member is speaking, or after the president has begun to take a vote.

31. A member may change his vote if it be done before the president has announced the result, or afterward in a case where it will not affect the result.

VI. COMMITTEES—THEIR POWERS.

32. The first named member of each committee shall be the chairman, unless the committee prefer to elect their own chairman. In the absence or refusal of the first-named member to preside, the second member on the committee shall take his place, and so on as often as a vacancy may occur.

33. A committee to whom papers have been referred shall return them with its report; and no paper can go before a committee, or become matter for its action, unless it has been properly referred to it.

34. A majority of a committee constitutes a quorum, and only can make a report. A minority may submit its views in writing, or any member may submit a motion that contains the view of such minority.

35. A committee may appoint one or more sub-committees in order to facilitate its work, by thus distributing it among its several members, but the final report must come from the whole committee.

36. All special committees when they have made their report and it is received are by this act discharged; but a matter may be recommitted to the same committee, or it may be revived for another purpose.

37. A judicatory may at any time resolve itself into a committee of the whole to consider any special matter, when the president shall name some one to preside, and vacate the chair. Such committee may rise at any time, when the president shall resume the chair, and the chairman of the committee shall report its action, or report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

VII. MOTIONS—THEIR PRECEDENCE.

38. Every motion made to a judicatory and entertained by the president shall, on the demand of any member, be reduced to writing. The president shall then state the question, or cause it to be read by the clerk before being debated, and it shall then be in possession of the house, but may be withdrawn at any time before it has been amended or a decision had upon it.

39. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be entertained, but—

- a. To adjourn.
- b. To take recess.
- c. To lie on the table.
- d. To take the previous question.
- e. To postpone to a certain day.
- f. To refer or commit.
- g. To amend.
- h. To postpone indefinitely.

These several motions shall have precedence in the order named; and

no motion to refer, postpone to a certain day, or to postpone indefinitely, being decided, shall be allowed again on the same day at the same stage of the question.

40. On the demand of any member before a question is put, it shall be divided, if it include two distinct substantive propositions, but a motion to strike out and insert is not divisible.

41. When different motions are made with respect to filling blanks, the longest time and the largest sum shall be first put.

42. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless it has been seconded and the mover recognized by the president.

VIII. AMENDMENTS.

43. When a motion or proposition is under consideration, a motion to amend and a motion to amend that amendment shall be in order, and it shall also be in order to offer a further amendment in the form of a substitute for the entire proposition, and to this substitute an amendment may be offered, but which shall not be voted upon until the original motion is perfected.

44. A motion to amend can not be modified after the previous question is seconded.

45. An amendment to the rules of order shall not be entertained unless it be seconded by a majority of the members present.

IX. RECONSIDERATION.

46. When a motion or resolution has been offered and carried or lost, it shall be in order for any member (who has voted with the majority on the same or succeeding day) to move the reconsideration thereof, and such motion shall take precedence of all motions, except to adjourn or to take recess.

47. A motion to reconsider is not debatable, unless the question proposed to be reconsidered was debatable.

X. THE PREVIOUS QUESTION.

48. The previous question on any motion, after a reasonable time has been allowed to discuss it, may be called. The call to be entertained, must be made by at least one-fifth of the members present, rising in their places for the purpose. The previous question shall be in this form: Shall the main question be now put? And until it is decided, it shall preclude all further amendment or debate on the main question. The effect of this motion, when sustained, shall be to bring the judicatory to a direct vote on all the amendments then pending in their proper order, and on the main question itself.

49. The previous question shall apply in cases of privilege, as in other cases.

XI. QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

50. Questions of privilege shall be: 1. Those affecting the rights of the judicatory collectively; its safety, dignity, and the integrity of

its proceedings. 2. The rights, the reputation and conduct of the members individually in their representative capacity. And shall have precedence of all questions, except to adjourn and to take recess.

51. It shall not be a matter of privilege to have received and entered upon the minutes a protest of a member or members against the action of a judicatory.

52. Any member who may feel himself personally aggrieved by the action of a judicatory, may, if he require it, have the ayes and nays recorded on the matter of grievance.

XII. APPEALS.

53. An appeal from the decision of the president on any point of order may be taken by any member, who may briefly state the reasons for his appeal, and to which the president may reply, if he deem it needful, and the vote shall be taken without further debate. The form of stating the question shall be: "*Shall the decision of the chair stand as the decision of this judicatory?*"

54. A question of appeal can not be reconsidered after other business has been done.

55. An appeal is not in order while another appeal is pending.

XIII. THE MOTION TO LIE ON THE TABLE.

56. The motion to lie on the table may be used to make room for more important matters, in order to take up the matter at a more convenient time, or quickly to make a final disposition of it.

57. This motion takes precedence of all other motions, except to adjourn and take recess, and shall be decided without debate.

58. All that adheres to the subject of the motion goes on the table with it, except it be a motion to correct the minutes.

59. When this motion is made and lost, it can not again be made until some change or alteration has been made in the question under consideration.

60. A negative vote on a motion to lie on the table may be reconsidered; but if a vote to reconsider be laid on the table, that can not be reconsidered.

XIV. MISCELLANEOUS.

61. The rules of order may be suspended by unanimous consent.

62. A motion to amend the rules of order shall lie over one day, and it shall require a two-third vote to carry the amendment.

63. Any judicatory may sit with closed doors if, in its judgment, the matter under consideration require.

64. Election for officers, delegates to higher judicatories, members of boards, etc., shall be by ballot; but a judicatory may make such elections by acclamation, as do not conflict with any existing law.

65. It shall not be in order for less than a quorum to take recess.

66. A motion to take recess may be offered while another question is pending, or while the floor is held by another member with his consent.

67. The motion to adjourn, to take recess, to lie on the table, and for the previous question, shall be taken without debate.

68. The ayes and nays on any question shall be recorded on the demand of any member.

69. Before the final adjournment of any judicatory the roll shall be called, and all members absent without permission shall, by the stated clerk, be reported to the body which they were sent to represent.

70. At the final adjournment, after the judicatory has united with the president in the repetition of the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, he shall pronounce the apostolic benediction, and declare the judicatory now adjourned, to meet as already ordered.

REVISION OF TRANSLATION OF RULES OF ORDER.

The German Synod of the East, as reported during Tuesday morning session by the Standing Committee on Minutes of said synod in item 6, requested General Synod to make a revision of the German translation of the Rules of Order. The item was adopted, and the subject matter thereof referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. Peter Greding, Charles F. Kriete and Christian Baum. This committee, during the last session, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Special Committee on the Revision of the German Translation of the Rules of Order, beg leave to offer the following report:

Your committee find

a). That the translation is to some extent defective, but nevertheless intelligible enough to be used.

b). We recommend to substitute in Article II. the word "vorschlagen" for that of "ernennen."

c). We recommend, however, in case a second edition should become necessary, that a general revision of the translation be made. Respectfully submitted,

PETER GREDING, *Chairman.*

On the adoption of the foregoing report, it was, on motion, *Resolved*, That Revs. Drs. Peter Greding, Jacob Dahlman and Rev. Aug. E. F. Schade be a committee to revise the German Rules of Order, and prepare them for publication in the German Minutes of the General Synod.

The *Bar of the House* was defined to be the two middle tiers of pews, exclusive of the east and west tiers, and the two rear pews of said middle tiers.

The following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the present sessions of synod :

The *Morning Sessions* to open at nine and close at half-past eleven o'clock.

The *Afternoon Sessions* to open at half-past two and close at five o'clock.

Evening sessions were held on Wednesday, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, the first, the fourth, the sixth and seventh days of the sessions.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following standing committees were announced by the president :

RELIGIOUS SERVICES—ENGLISH : *Ministers*—Jonas B. Shontz, Fred. J. Sauerber, Rufus C. Zartman. *Elders*—Lewis Keller, Philip Herbruck and John Williard. GERMAN—*Ministers*—Dr. Jacob Dahlman, Charles F. Kriete, Abraham Schneck. *Elders*—Rudolph Boerger, Herman Preefer and John Berge.

SYNODICAL MINUTES :

Minutes of General Synod. *Ministers*—Dr. Israel S. Weisz, Dr. John I. Swander, Samuel Z. Beam, Moritz Heinze, Henry Nau. *Elders*—John Kling and William Dice.

Minutes of Synod in the U. S. *Ministers*—Dr. Edmund R. Eschbach, Dr. Geo. W. Williard, Prof. Lucian Cort. *Elders*—Henry Lady and Benjamin Seitz.

Minutes of Ohio Synod. *Ministers*—John A. Peters, Wm. R. Hofford, Philip Ruhl. *Elders*—Eberhard Gerkins and F. A. Daihl.

Minutes of Synod of the Northwest. *Ministers*—John F. Busche, Marcus Bachman, Max F. Dumstrey. *Elders*—Christian Saupe and George M. Ehrlen.

Minutes of Pittsburgh Synod. *Ministers*—John M. Kendig, Dr. J. Spangler Kieffer, Jonathan H. Panne-

becker. *Elders*—Goldsborough S. Griffith and Andrew H. Baughman.

Minutes of Synod of Potomac. Ministers—Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger, Dr. Abraham B. Koplin, Benjamin B. Ferer. *Elders*—William H. Seibert and Benjamin Kuhns.

Minutes of German Synod of the East. Ministers—John H. Stepler, Charles Schaaf, Dr. John G. Zahner. *Elders*—William Stienecker and John Kling.

Minutes of the Central Synod. Ministers—Charles F. Kriete, John F. Busche, Peter Joerris. *Elders*—Herman Preefer and Rudolph Boerger.

MINUTES OF CLASSES :

English. Ministers—Dr. William Rupp, Franklin F. Bahner, John J. Leberman. *Elders*—Wm. W. Sweisfort and Wm. R. Barnhart.

German. Ministers—Dr. Peter Greding, Dr. Herman J. Ruetenik, John Bachman. *Elders*—Christian Roth and John G. Raiser.

OVERTURES: *Ministers*—Dr. Samuel N. Callender, Dr. H. H. W. Hibshman, Henry M. Gersman. *Elders*—John Deck and James M. High.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SISTER CHURCHES: *Ministers*—Dr. David Van Horne, Dr. Clement Z. Weiser, Dewalt S. Fouse. *Elders*—Henry Stoner and Hiram C. Hoover.

STATE OF THE CHURCH: *Ministers*—James I. Good, Marcus Bachman, Dr. John Vogt, Dr. Isaac H. Reiter. *Elders*—Horace Ankeney and James T. Reber.

HOME MISSIONS: *Ministers*—Dr. J. Spangler Kieffer, Jerome B. Henry, Charles F. Kriete. *Elders*—Jacob H. Brown and Philip Herbruck.

FOREIGN MISSIONS: *Ministers*—Samuel B. Yockey, Dr. Jonathan E. Hiester, John Bachman. *Elders*—William E. Schmertz and John A. Mowry.

ORPHANS' HOMES: *Ministers*—Ellis N. Kremer, Rufus C. Zartman, John H. Stepler. *Elders*—Hiram H. Grady and Joseph Proctor.

NOMINATIONS: *Ministers*—Dr. Samuel G. Wagner, Louis B. C. Lahr, John M. Evans. *Elders*—Philip J. Shoemaker and Daniel Shepp.

FINANCE: *Ministers*—Dr. George Wolff, Calvin S. Gerhard, Theodore J. Bacher. *Elders*—Jeremiah Z. Hildebrand and William E. Schmertz.

ARTICLE VI. COMMUNICATIONS.

1. Three copies of the Minutes of the last General Synod, both in the English and the German language, were received through the stated clerk, and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of the General Synod.

2. The Minutes of the several district synods, except those of the German Synod of the East, for the three years intervening since the last triennial sessions of the General Synod, were received through the respective stated clerks, and referred to the several standing committees on minutes of the different district synods.

3. The Minutes of the following classes were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, namely: East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Lancaster, (Synod U. S.), East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Tohickon, Lehigh, Schuylkill, Miami, Tuscarawas, Eastern Ohio, Northern Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Wichita, Zion's, (Synod N. W.), Sheboygan, Indiana, Minnesota, Clarion, St. Paul's, Allegheny, Zion's, (Synod of Potomac), Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle, West New York, German Philadelphia, German Maryland, Heidelberg, Erie, St. John's and Cincinnati.

4. The reports of the Board of Home Missions and of its treasurer were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Home Missions.

5. The reports of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and of its treasurer were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions.

6. The reports of the Board of Managers of the Orphans' Homes at Womelsdorf, Pa., at Butler, Pa., and at Ft. Wayne, Ind., were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Orphans' Homes.

7. The report of the Treasurer of the General Synod was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

8. Some other official communications and documents, having reference to different subjects, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures, whose report see for particulars.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The General Synod, during its present sessions, observed the following religious services:

1. The sessions of each day were opened and closed with suitable religious services.

2. The Standing Committees on Religious Services—English and German—submitted their reports, which were received and as amended adopted:

1.) ENGLISH SERVICES.

Your Committee on English Religious Services, beg leave to report the following, viz:

Grace Reformed Church.—Thursday evening, eight o'clock, sermon by Rev. S. G. Wagner, D. D. Altar services, Rev. J. B. Henry, Rev. E. N. Kremer. Friday evening, eight o'clock, foreign missionary service, under control of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod. Paper by Mrs. Rev. S. B. Yockey. Addresses by Rev. C. Z. Weiser, D. D., and Rev. David Van Horne, D. D. Saturday, half-past two p. m., preparatory services. Sermon by Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D. Altar services, Revs. F. J. Sauerber and E. R. Williard. Sunday, half-past ten a. m., holy communion. Sermon by Rev. Thos. G. Apple, D. D. Altar services, Rev. G. W. Welker, D. D., Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D. Sunday, half-past two p. m., Sunday-school service. Addresses by Rev. F. J. Sauerber, Elder Wm. R. Barnhart, Rev. S. B. Yockey; Rev. J. A. Peters to preside. Sunday, eight o'clock p. m., missionary service. Opening addresses by Revs. C. S. Gerhard and R. L. Gerhart, followed by voluntary speeches.

First M. E. Church.—Eleven o'clock a. m., Rev. James I. Good. Eight o'clock p. m., Rev. John H. Prugh.

Lutheran Church.—Eleven o'clock a. m., Rev. S. G. Wagner, D. D. Eight o'clock p. m., Rev. J. I. Swander, D. D.

Congregational Church.—Eleven o'clock a. m., Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D. D. Eight o'clock p. m., Rev. H. M. Kieffer.

Universalist Church.—Eleven o'clock a. m., Rev. C. Z. Weiser, D. D. Eight o'clock p. m., Rev. I. N. Peightel.

Baptist Church.—Eleven o'clock a. m., Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D. Eight o'clock p. m., Rev. J. C. Bowman.

Evangelical Church.—Sunday, eleven o'clock a. m., Rev. G. W. H. Smith.

United Brethren Church.—Eleven o'clock a. m., Rev. A. K. Zartman. Eight o'clock p. m., Rev. L. B. C. Lahr.

Presbyterian Church, Sixth Ward.—Half-past ten a. m., Rev. D. N. Dittmar.

Disciples' Church.—Eleven o'clock a. m., address to children, Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D. Eight o'clock p. m., Rev. D. S. Fouse.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. SHONTZ, *Chairman*.

2.) GERMAN SERVICES.

The Committee on Divine Service in the German language respectfully report the following:

First German Reformed Church (Akron, O.).—Thursday evening, eight o'clock, sermon by Rev. M. F. Dumstrey, Pittsburg, Pa. Scripture lesson and prayer, Rev. J. H. Stepler, Lima, Ohio. Friday evening, eight o'clock, preparatory sermon by Rev. H. M. Gersman, Jeffersonville, Ind. Scripture lesson and prayer by Rev. M. Heinze, Buffalo, N. Y. Sunday morning, ten o'clock, communion sermon by Rev. M. Bachman, Baltimore, Md. Scripture lesson and prayer, Rev. J. F. Busche, New York City. Liturgy before the communion, Rev. J. Bachman, Cincinnati, Ohio. Sunday afternoon, addresses before the Sunday-school by Rev. C. F. Kriete, Ft. Wayne, Ind., in German, Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D., Hagerstown, Md., in English. Scripture lesson and prayer by Rev. J. G. Kuhl, Covington, Ky. Sunday evening, one-quarter before eight o'clock, missionary service of the General Synod. Addresses by Rev. H. A. Muehlmeier, D. D., Franklin, Wis., in German, Rev. C. Z. Weiser, D. D., East Greenville, Pa., in English, Rev. J. H. Stepler, Lima, Ohio, in German. Scripture lesson and prayer by Rev. Christ. Baum, Wheatland, Iowa.

Reformed Church (Orrville, O.).—Sunday morning and evening, Rev. H. A. Keyser, Mahanoy City, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB DAHLMAN, *Chairman*.

The religious services, as appointed by the aforesaid committees, were severally observed.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

I. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL SYNOD.

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of the General Synod submitted their report, which was received, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole; and it is as follows:

Your Committee on the Minutes of General Synod beg leave to report the following items as claiming the attention of this body, viz:

Item 1, page 17. The Committee on Rules of Order is instructed to have five hundred copies thereof printed.

Item 2, page 25. The District Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States is requested to inquire into the delinquency of its stated clerk in not furnishing the General Synod with the required three copies of its proceedings for each of the last three years.

Item 3, page 27. A similar request to the Pittsburg Synod.

Item 4, page 39. Election of delegates to corresponding bodies.

Item 5, page 57. The continuation of a committee to submit a plan by which the work of home missions of the entire Reformed Church shall be carried on more efficiently under the direct management of the Board of General Synod, with instructions to report at this meeting.

Item 6, page 65. An injunction upon all the synods, classes, consistories and congregations of the church, to make an earnest effort to greatly increase our contributions to the cause of foreign missions.

Item 7, page 79. A resolution referring the Directory of Worship to the classes for approval or rejection.

Item 8, page 81. A resolution that the stated clerk forward one copy of the Directory of Worship to each stated clerk of the respective classes, and inform them by letter what further action General Synod may take on the subject.

Item 9, page 83. The appointment of a committee to pre-

pare a new hymn book for the use of the whole English portion of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Item 10, page 84. The appointment of a committee on the constitution or organic law of the Reformed Church, with instructions to report at this meeting.

Item 11, page 87. The continuation of a special committee raised under item 10 in the report of Committee on Minutes of English Classes, with instructions to report at this meeting.

Item 12, page 97. The appointment of a committee to make a digest of the decisions of the several synods in reference to a number of subjects.

Item 13, page 98. A resolution appointing the officers of Synod a committee to provide a seal for the use of the General Synod.

Item 14, page 103. Stated Clerk instructed to have printed 3,500 copies of Minutes in English, and 1,500 in German, and to distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

Item 15, page 40. The appointment of delegates to the Third General Council of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian system, to convene in Belfast, Ireland, on Tuesday, June 24, A. D., 1884.

Respectfully submitted,

ISRAEL S. WEISZ, *Chairman.*

The report was disposed of as follows: Items 1, 2 and 10 were adopted; item 3 laid on the table until the committee on Pittsburgh Synod report; for action and reports in items 4 and 15 see Article XI., Correspondence with Sister Churches; item 5 adopted and for action in the matter see Article XIII., Home Missions; item 6 laid on the table until the Committees on Minutes of Classes report, and for action thereon see Article XIII., Foreign Missions; for action and reports in items 7, 8, 9, 11, 12 and 13 see Article XVIII., Church Government; for action and report in item 14, see Article XXI., Publication.

II. MINUTES OF DISTRICT SYNODS.

The several Standing Committees on the Minutes of the different District Synods, presented their reports, which were received and considered item by item, and then adopted as a whole. These several reports with the action thereon are as follows:

1. *Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

The committee to whom were referred the Minutes of the Synod in the United States for 1884, 1885 and 1886 present the following report. We have examined these minutes and find that the following items will claim the attention of this synod:

Item 1. All the recommendations of General Synod to this synod were adopted.

Item 2, page 74, 1886. Is a request that General Synod renew and extend its efforts to establish closer relations with the Reformed Alliance of Germany and other ecclesiastical bodies connected with our church on the continent of Europe

Item 3, page 74, 1886. Is a request to take such measures as will bring us into more intimate connection with the other Reformed denominations of this country.

Item 4, page 81, 1886. Is a petition to General Synod to set apart Reformation Day for special offerings in aid of theological education.

Item 5, page 81, 1886. Is an overture to set apart the third Sunday in June as Children's Day, to be observed by the whole church.

In behalf of the committee. Respectfully submitted.

EDMUND R. ESCHBACH, *Chairman.*

This report was disposed of as follows: Item 1 was adopted; items 2 and 3 were adopted, and referred to the Standing Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches, whose report see for action thereon; for action in item 4, see Article XVIII, Church Government; item 5 was referred to the committee on Children's Day, and for action and report see Article XV, Sunday-schools.

2. *Synod of Ohio.*

Your committee appointed to revise the Minutes of the Synod of Ohio beg leave to report the following items as claiming the attention of this Synod, to wit:

Item 1. The Ohio Synod approves and adopts all the requests and recommendations made by the General Synod, to wit:

a.) The Rules of Order. See Minutes of 1884, page 6.

b.) The cause of Home Missions commended to pastors

and congregations as worthy of their confidence, prayers and contributions. See Minutes of 1884, pages 37 and 38.

c.) The cause of Foreign Missions also commended to pastors and congregations. See Minutes of 1884, page 39.

d.) The third Sunday in January of each year as a memorial festival of the Reformation is cordially approved, and ministers and congregations are requested to observe the said festival from year to year. See Minutes of 1884, page 71.

e.) The apportionments made by General Synod for Contingent Expenses and Harbor Missions adopted. See Minutes of 1884, page 80.

Item 2. The Ohio Synod overtures the General Synod :

a.) To take such action as will require district synods, in their separate missionary work, to confine their operations to their own territory, according to the plain requirements of the constitution, and

b.) That any missionary work done outside of their geographical limits be carried forward under the direct management and control of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod. See Minutes of 1885, page 33.

Item 3. The Ohio Synod overtures the General Synod to establish a Children's Day for the entire church; and respectfully suggests the first Sunday, or the first two Sundays in September, as the most suitable time for such services. See Minutes of 1885, page 59.

Item 4. The Ohio Synod overtures the General Synod :

a.) To create a Board of Sunday-schools of the General Synod, and

b.) That Sunday-school helps and services be provided for use in our Sunday-schools throughout the entire church. See Minutes of 1886, page 63.

Item 5. The Ohio Synod appoints Revs. G. W. Williard, D. D., S. B. Yockey, and John M. Kendig as the counsel for said synod in a certain appeal which the Miami Classis has taken to the General Synod. See Minutes of 1886, page 64.

Item 6. The Ohio Synod overtures this synod :

a.) To take action to effect the union of the Reformed Church in the United States and the Reformed Church in America, and

b.) To take action to bring about the union of our church

with the Reformed Church in America and the Presbyterian Church. See Minutes of 1886, page 68.

Item 7. The Ohio Synod recommends to General Synod the organization of a new district synod in the west. See Minutes of 1886, page 70.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN A. PETERS,

Chairman.

The report was disposed of as follows: Items 1 and 5 were adopted; item 2, *a* and *b*, was referred to the Standing Committee on Home Missions; item 3 was referred to the Committee on Children's Day, and for action and report thereon see Article XV., Sunday-schools.

3. *Synod of the Northwest.*

The committee to whom the Minutes of the Synod of the Northwest were referred beg leave to report:

Item 1. Page 11, Minutes 1885. We find that the Memorial Day of the Reformation was adopted and recommended to the classes and congregations.

Item 2. Page 13, Minutes 1886. A resolution respectfully requesting General Synod to take steps toward a union with the Reformed Church in America. Respectfully submitted.

JOHN F. BUSCHE, *Chairman.*

The report was disposed of as follows: Item 1 was adopted; item 2 was adopted, and referred to the Committee on Church Union, and for action and report see Article XI, Correspondence with Sister Churches.

4. *Synod of Pittsburgh.*

Your committee on Minutes of Pittsburgh Synod beg leave to report that we have received and examined the minutes of said synod, and find the following items demanding your attention, to wit:

MINUTES OF 1886.

Item 1. Page 6. Synod adopts the Rules of Order.

Item 2. Inquired into delinquency of stated clerk concerning minutes.

Item 3. Page 6. Confirms action of General Synod in regard to Home and Foreign Missions.

Item 4. Page 6. Instructed the treasurer to pay deficit due General Synod at last session.

Item 5. Page 6. Approves appointment of third Sunday in January as a Reformation festival day.

MINUTES OF 1885.

Item 6. Page 34. Declined to accept apportionment for Harbor Missions, but commends the cause to the liberality of the church.

MINUTES OF 1886.

Item 7. Page 6-7. Overtures General Synod in regard to union with other churches.

Item 8. Page 52. Refers to union with Reformed Churches in Europe. Respectfully submitted.

JOHN M. KENDIG, *Chairman*.

The report was disposed of as follows: Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 were adopted; item 7 was adopted and referred to the Committee on Church Union, and for action and report see Article XI., Correspondence with Sister Churches; in item 8 the Pittsburgh Synod is referred to the action of synod already adopted in the case.

5. *Synod of the Potomac.*

The Committee on the Minutes of the Synod of the Potomac beg leave to report the following items:

MINUTES OF 1884.

Item 1, page 10. Synod referred the Rules of Order adopted by the General Synod to a special committee.

Item 2, page 10. The synod adopted General Synod's action declaring it inexpedient to set apart a Sunday in June as Children's Day.

Item 3, page 10. Adopted General Synod's action with reference to an English hymn book.

Item 4, page 10. Adopted General Synod's action setting apart the third Sunday in January as Reformation Memorial Day.

Item 5, page 10. Adopted General Synod's assessment of \$345 for contingent fund, and \$345 for Harbor Missions.

Item 6, page 45. Adopted General Synod's action urging increased efforts to replenish the treasury of the Lord.

1885. Nothing found requiring attention.

1886. Item 7, page 6. Synod by adoption of report of the

Committee on Rules of Order urges constitutional objections to some of the rules, and refused acquiescence in them.

Respectfully submitted. J. H. A. BOMBERGER,
Chairman.

The report was disposed of as follows: Items 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 were adopted; item 2 was adopted, and referred to the Committee on Children's Day, and for action and report in the matter, see Article XV., Sunday-schools; for action and report in item 7, see Article IV., Rules of Order.

6. *German Synod of the East.*

The committee on the Minutes of the German Synod of the East would respectfully call your attention to the following items:

MINUTES OF 1885.

Item 1, page 6 and 7. The Rules of Order adopted by said synod.

Item 2, page 6. Acquiescence in the recommendations of General Synod in regard to Home and Foreign Missions.

Item 3, page 22. Is a request to General Synod to retain the Harbor Mission.

Item 4, page 23. A petition to General Synod to have a summary report, published annually, in regard to our mission work.

Item 5, page 12. Action of the classes regarding the "Directory of Worship."

MINUTES OF 1886.

Item 6, page 8. A request for a revision of the German translation of the Rules of Order.

Item 7, page 15. A petition to take into prayerful consideration the union with the Reformed Church in America.

Item 8, page 26. A renewal of synod's request regarding the Harbor Mission.

We also submit the following action: WHEREAS, The German Synod of the East has failed to furnish to General Synod the required copies of its minutes; therefore,

Resolved, That the General Synod hereby expresses its censure for such neglect. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. STEPLER, *Chairman.*

The report was disposed of as follows: Items 1 and 2 were adopted; item 3 adopted and referred to the Board of Home

Missions; items 4 and 5 laid on the table until the Committee on Minutes of German Classes report; for action and report in item 6 see Article XVIII., Church Government; item 7 adopted and referred to the Committee on Church Union; item 8 adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Home Missions.

On motion, in the absence of the required copies of the Minutes of the German Synod of the East,

Resolved, That Rev. Jacob Dahlman, D. D., be and hereby is respectfully requested to furnish for the use of the General Synod the necessary copies of the Minutes of the German Synod of the East, for each of the years 1884, 1885 and 1886.

7. *The Central Synod.*

Your committee on the Minutes of the Central Synod beg leave to submit the following report :

Item 1, page 4, 1884. Central Synod adopts the Rules of Order of General Synod.

Item 2, page 13, 1884. Central Synod refers the recommendations of General Synod concerning Home and Foreign Missions and the orphan's cause to the classes, and adopts the other recommendations of General Synod, except the one relating to the time of the celebration of the Reformation festival. Concerning this item the following action was taken in 1885 :

WHEREAS, For centuries, by all evangelical protestant bodies, who celebrate the Reformation festival at all, the 31st day of October has been celebrated as a memorial day of the beginning of the Reformation ; and

WHEREAS, The German Reformed Church is acknowledged to have been the power, giving the key-note in the renewal of the church, without which the work of reform by Zwingli in Switzerland most probably would have been crushed ; and

WHEREAS, Our Evangelical Reformed Church not only bases itself upon Ulrich Zwingli's activity, but also upon the German Reformation and the work of John Calvin, and therefore has not at all a sectional or exclusive, but a general evangelical character ; and

WHEREAS, If the beginning of the reformation of the Reformed church shall be celebrated as Reformation festival, the birthday of Zwingli would not be the suitable day, but

the beginning of his labors in Zurich, or perhaps in Einsiedeln, just as the birthday of Luther is not celebrated as Reformation festival; therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod does not deem it advisable and proper, that our church alone should depart from the historically made celebration of the Reformation festival (von der geschichtlich gewordenen Reformationsfeier), and appoint another day in distinction from all remaining evangelical Christendom.

Resolved, That we admonish all ministers of our church to make special reference to the Reformed church, her history, doctrines and principles at the regular celebration of the Reformation festival.

Resolved, That inasmuch as we can see no necessity for the intended change, and expect no benefit from the same, we request the General Synod respectfully to desist from the change, and abide by the established custom.

Item 3, page 8, 1886. Central Synod requests General Synod to prepare the way for a union between the Reformed Church in America and ours.

Item 4, page 64, 1886. Central Synod calls the attention of General Synod to the small representation of the German part of the Reformed Church in the Board of Foreign Missions, and hereby kindly requests this body to make provision for a proper representation in said Board.

Respectfully submitted. CHARLES F. KRIETE,

Chairman.

The report was disposed of as follows: Items 1 and 4 were adopted; for action in item 2 see Article XVIII, Church Government; item 3 was referred to the Committee on Church Union.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

1. *English Classes.*

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of the English Classes submitted their report, which was received, considered item by item, and, as amended, adopted as a whole. This report is as follows:

Your committee on the official Minutes of the English Classes would respectfully offer the following report :

Official reports of the following classes have come into our hands, viz.: East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Lancaster (Synod U. S.), East Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Tohickon, Lehigh, Schuylkill, West Susquehanna, Miami, Tuscarawas, Eastern Ohio, Northern Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Wichita, St. Paul's, Allegheny, Clarion, Zion's, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Carlisle, Gettysburg.

The committee has examined these reports and find the following items claiming the attention of your reverend body :

Item 1. The following classes report that they have taken favorable action on all the recommendations and requests of General Synod :

East Pennsylvania, Lancaster (Synod U. S.), East Susquehanna, Philadelphia, Lebanon, Schuylkill, Lehigh, Tohickon, Goshenhoppen, Northern Illinois, Miami, Iowa, Zion's, West Susquehanna.

Item 2. In relation to the Directory of Worship :

a.) The following classes approve of the adoption of the Directory of Worship; East Pennsylvania, Lancaster (Synod U. S.), Philadelphia, Lebanon, Schuylkill, Lehigh, Tohickon, Goshenhoppen, Allegheny, St. Paul's, Northern Illinois, Tuscarawas, Miami, Iowa, Eastern Ohio, Gettysburg, Carlisle, North Carolina, Zion's, Virginia, West Susquehanna, Clarion.

b.) The following classes disapprove of the adoption of the Directory of Worship : East Susquehanna, Mercersburg.

Item 3. Philadelphia, Northern Illinois, Iowa, Eastern Ohio and Mercersburg Classes overtures the General Synod in behalf of closer union with other Reformed Churches in this country having a presbyterial form of government.

Item 4. North Carolina Classis requests this synod to instruct its delegates to other Reformed bodies to bring to the attention of these bodies the desirableness of union in mission work.

Item 5. A paper from the Lancaster Classis of the Synod in the United States, as an overture to General Synod, touching the overture of the Protestant Episcopal Church on the subject of church union.

Item 6. Wichita Classis asks this General Synod to enroll said classis as a member of the Synod of Ohio.

Item 7. Northern Illinois and Kansas Classes petition this General Synod to constitute a new synod of the classes of Northern Illinois, Iowa, Kansas and Wichita; and Kansas Classis further requests that authority be given to organize the new synod in St. Paul's Reformed Church, of Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 29, 1887, at 7:30 p. m.

Item 8. An appeal of Miami Classis from certain action of the Ohio Synod to General Synod; and the appointment of Revs. I. H. Reiter, D. D., D. R. Taylor and J. B. Henry as counsel to defend classis before General Synod.

Item 9. Miami Classis overtures General Synod to secure an evangelist to visit weak churches within its (General Synod's) bounds.

Item 10. North Carolina Classis requests the General Synod to apportion the amount of money needed by the Board of Foreign Missions among the several district synods.

Item 11. Lebanon Classis recommends the General Synod to institute an inquiry into the advisability of further sustaining the Harbor Mission.

Item 12. Lebanon Classis requests General Synod to prepare an English hymn book for the use of the whole church.

Item 13. Schuylkill Classis requests General Synod to provide separate columns for deaths of confirmed and unconfirmed members in the statistical tables, and also columns for Sunday-school teachers and officers.

Item 14. East Susquehanna Classis requests the General Synod to open a column in the statistical tables for church periodicals.

Item 15. Philadelphia and Tohickon Classes adopt the Rules of Order of the General Synod, with the exception of the section 7, which they declare to be unconstitutional.

Item 16. Philadelphia Classis overtures the General Synod to establish the custom of taking annual collections for theological education on Reformation Day.

Item 17. Philadelphia Classis requests this General Synod to postpone indefinitely the consideration of the revised constitution.

Item 18. The same classis petitions General Synod to take favorable action in behalf of Women's Missionary Societies.

Item 19. Mercersburg Classis requests the General Synod

to make a deliverance in regard to the meaning of Article 49 of the constitution.

Item 20. Clarion Classis requests the General Synod to publish an edition of the Directory of Worship with the Gospel and Epistle Lessons printed in full.

Item 21. Kansas Classis requests the General Synod to pay one-half of the traveling expenses of its delegates to this meeting.

Item 22. Carlisle Classis takes favorable action in regard to the Harbor Mission.

NOTE.—No reports have been received from Westmoreland, Somerset, Lancaster (O.), Tiffin, St. Joseph, San Francisco, Portland-Oregon, and Maryland Classes.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM RUPP, *Chairman*.

Item 1 was adopted; for action and reports in items 2, 6, 7, 13, 15, 16 and 19, see Article XVIII., Church Government; items 3, 4 and 5 were referred to the Committee on Church Union; for action and decision in item 8 see Article XVI., Appeals and References; for action adopted in items 9 and 18 see Article XIII., Missions; item 10 referred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions; item 11 referred to the Standing Committee on Home Missions; item 12 referred to the Committee on English Hymn Book; in item 14, *Resolved*, That the request of said classis can not be granted; in item 17, the attention of said classis is directed to the action already taken by this synod; item 20 laid on the table until the subject of the Directory of Worship shall be considered; in item 21 the request was granted, and subject matter thereof referred to the Standing Committee on Finance; item 22 laid on the table until the Standing Committee on Home Missions report.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the classes which have not sent in official reports of their minutes to General Synod, have their attention hereby called to this delinquency.

2. *German Classes.*

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of the German Classes submitted their report, which was received, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole. This report is as follows:

The Committee on the Minutes of the German Classes beg leave to report as follows:

Reports from the following classes were placed in our hands: Sheboygan, Indiana, Zion, Minnesota, German Philadelphia, German Maryland, West New York, St. John's, Heidelberg, Erie, Cincinnati.

Item 1. On the Directory of Worship the following classes took favorable action and voted aye: Zion, Minnesota, German Philadelphia, St. John and Heidelberg.

On the same question the following classes voted nay: Sheboygan, German Maryland, West New York, Erie. The classes of Indiana and Cincinnati abstained from voting.

Item 2. On the Rules of Order all those classes that voted on them, voted aye, namely: Sheboygan, Zion, Indiana, German Philadelphia, German Maryland, West New York. The classes of Minnesota, St. John, Heidelberg, Erie and Cincinnati took no action.

Item 3. On the subject of Home Missions all voted aye, except German Maryland, St. John and Heidelberg, which took no action.

Item 4. On the question of temperance the classes of Zion, Indiana, West New York and Erie expressed a favorable opinion; the majority of the classes observing silence on the question.

Item 5. On the proposition to fix the third Sunday in the month of January as the proper time for the festival of the Reformation, all classes that voted decided in favor, except German Maryland Classis, which prefers the month of October.

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Item 6. Minnesota Classis overtures the General Synod to have prepared a formula for the reception of persons into the church by re-profession.

Item 7. German Maryland Classis overtures the General Synod:

a.) To change paragraph 26 of the Rules of Order so that a person be permitted to speak on any subject but fifteen minutes instead of one hour, as now permitted.

b.) To re-consider the action taken in regard to the time of the anniversary of the Reformation.

Item 8. St. John's Classis overtures the General Synod:

a.) For a deliverance as to the meaning of Article 49 of the constitution, whether the third question of the same has reference to both elders and ministers.

b.) To have a free German translation of the Directory of Worship made by a committee selected from the German part of the church.

Item 9. Cincinnati Classis overtures the General Synod to take measures to effect, if possible, a union of our church with the Reformed Church in America.

Respectfully submitted.

PETER GREDING,

Chairman.

This report was disposed of as follows: Items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 were adopted; item 6 was adopted, and the attention of said classis directed to the action by synod in the matter; item 7, *a*, referred to the Committee on Rules of Order, and *b*, the attention of classis directed to the action taken on the subject; for action in item 8, *a* and *b*, see Article XVIII, Church Government; and item 9 was referred to the Committee on Church Union.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures submitted their report, which was received, considered item by item, and, as amended, adopted as a whole. This report is as follows:

Your Committee on Overtures beg leave to report as follows:

Item 1. A communication from Rev. B. Bausman, D. D., retiring president of General Synod. (*a*). Presenting his excuse for non-attendance upon the present meeting. (*b*). Informing this body of the appointment of C. G. Gross, Esq., treasurer *pro tem.*, by the officers of the last General Synod, upon the occasion of the death of W. D. Gross, treasurer, and asking this body to approve their action. (*c*). Asking the approval of his instructions to the treasurer to pay the apportionment laid by the Executive Committee of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches, upon the Reformed Church in the United States, to meet the expenses of that body.

Item 2. Communication of the Executive Committee, American section of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches, setting forth the number of delegates to be sent. Also the minutes of its meeting held in New York City, April 20, 1887.

Item 3. A communication containing the action of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, upon the matter of co-operative union.

Item 4. Report of the Board of Managers of the Bethany Orphan's Home, Womelsdorf, Pa.

Item 5. Report of the Board of the Orphan's Home near Fort Wayne, Ind.

Item 6. Report of the Board of Managers of St. Paul's Orphan Home, Butler, Pa.

Item 7. A copy, each, of the Report of the Provincial Board of Church Extension; of the Bohemian Committee; of the Editorial Committees, and of the Theological Seminary of the Moravian Church.

Item 8. A book entitled, "A Popular Treatise on Baptism," by Rev. J. J. Leberman, A. M.

Item 9. A book entitled, "Europe Through American Eyes," by Prof. A. S. Zerbe, Ph.D., of Heidelberg College, Tiffin, O.

Item 10. A copy of "A Practical Church Register for Congregational Purposes," by Rev. M. Loucks, and published in Dayton, O.

Item 11. Two copies of the Catalogue of Ursinus College for the year 1886-87. One copy of the Thirty-seventh Annual Catalogue of Heidelberg College, Tiffin, O., 1887. Two copies of the "General Register of Franklin and Marshall College, and Annual Register of the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.," for the year 1886-87.

Item 12. Report of the delegate to the Moravian Synod in triennial session at Lititz, Pa., May 23, 1884.

Item 13. (a). A request from the delegate of the Portland-Oregon Classis to be excused for non-attendance upon this meeting of General Synod. (b). An appeal for aid in their mission work.

Item 14. (a). A request of Rev. Wm. Hansen, of Detroit, to take his complaint against *Reformirte Kirchenzeitung*, and against the Synod of the Northwest, from the table, and do him justice. (b). Reports the founding of a home

for orphans and the aged, and recommends it to the attention of the General Synod. (*c*). By-laws of the association.

Item 15. An invitation of the Young Men's Christian Association of Akron, to the members of this General Synod, to visit its reading-room and parlors, as it may suit their convenience, between the hours of nine a. m. and ten p. m., and avail themselves of the privileges there offered.

Item 16. A statement by the president of the nature and needs of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, and twenty-two copies of the charter and by-laws of said society.

Item 17. Four communications from Rev. John V. Potts, of Pulaski, Ohio, to wit: (*a*). A communication, together with three pamphlets descriptive of "Lower California, the Peninsula now opening to Colonists," under the auspices of The International Company of Mexico, to which he calls the attention of this body, as prospective missionary ground. (*b*). A communication on the subject of hymnology. (*c*). A communication on the Otterbein movement, suggesting to this body the propriety of seeking to enter into fraternal correspondence with the United Brethren. (*d*). A copy of a book entitled, "The Succession of a Hundred Years, &c.," accompanied with a written communication, pointing out the relation of the Reformed Church to the United Brethren.

Item 18. Report of the committee to whom was committed the charge of the publication of all future editions of the Directory of Worship. Also the exhibit of the vote of the several classes on the question of the constitutional adoption or rejection of the Directory of Worship.

Item 19. A letter from Rev. John Gantenbein, requesting this Synod to excuse the non-attendance of the delegates from Portland-Oregon Classis, upon its present sessions.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL N. CALLENDER, *Chairman*.

The report was disposed of as follows: Item 1, *a*), excused, *b*). action of officers of synod approved, and *c*), action of president and payment by treasurer approved; for action and report in items 3 and 7 see Article XI., Correspondence with Sister Churches; items 4, 5 and 6 were referred to the Standing Committee on Orphans' Homes, and for action and report see Article XIV., Benevolent and Religious Institutions; in

items 8, 9, 10 and 11 the books were accepted with thanks, and ordered to be placed in the archives; item 12 adopted in connection with item 4, *d*), in report of Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod, and for report see Article XI., Correspondence with Sister Churches; item 13, *a*). excused, and *b*), referred to the committee on Home Missions; for action and report in item 14, *a*, *b* and *c*, see Article XVII., Complaints; in item 15 Synod accepted the invitation with thanks; for action and report in item 16, see Article XIV., Benevolent and Religious Institutions; in item 17, *a*), referred to Standing Committee on Home Missions, *b*), referred to special committee on English hymn book, *c*), referred to Committee on Church Union, and *d*), book received with thanks, and communication referred to Committee on Church Union; item 18 referred to the Standing Committees on Minutes of Classes; item 19 was adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SISTER CHURCHES.

1. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches, would respectfully report that the following documents and items were placed in their hands:

1. The request on the part of a number of the members of this synod, that a telegram be sent expressing the fraternal regards of this body to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, now in session at Catskill, N. Y.

2. A certificate from the secretary of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America, appointing Rev. M. Sheeleigh, D. D., delegate to convey the fraternal greetings of that body to this Synod, together with a letter from the delegate explaining the reasons for his absence here, and also a copy of the Minutes of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

3. Two items from the Minutes of the General Synod of

Baltimore, on page 74, *a*), relating to establishing closer relations with the Reformed Alliance of Germany, and other bodies of the continent; *b*), adopting measures to bring us into more intimate connection with the other Reformed denominations in this country.

4. A certificate from the Stated Clerk of the Reformed Church in America, stating that Rev. Lawrence Dykstra was appointed a delegate to us from that body, and a letter from the delegate to this General Synod. Also a copy of their minutes for 1884.

We offer the following recommendations :

1. That the President of this General Synod be and is hereby instructed to send a telegram to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, at Catskill, N. Y., with our Christian greetings referring to Numbers 6: 24-26, through Rev. Jas. I. Good, a member of synod.

2. That the letter from Rev. M. Sheeleigh, D. D., delegate from the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, be read, and that the correspondence with said church be continued.

3. That our corresponding secretary be requested to forward to the Rev. Dr. H. Calaminus, of Elberfeld, Secretary of the Reformed Alliance of Germany, the fraternal greetings of this General Synod to that Alliance at its next meeting, in the Province of Lippe, in August, 1887; and that the General Synod hereby appoints Rev. Frederick Forwick as delegate, to represent us as a church at that meeting, without expense to this body.

4. That the letter of Rev. Lawrence Dykstra, delegate from the Reformed Church in America, be read; and that the correspondence with the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America be continued; and also that a committee to meet with a like committee from that body, to confer on the subject of organic union between the two churches, be appointed at this session.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID VAN HORNE, *Chairman*.

In accordance with the request and recommendation contained in the foregoing report, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the president of this body be and hereby is

authorized and instructed to send by telegram our fraternal greetings to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, now in session at Catskill, N. Y., referring to Numbers 6: 24-26, through Rev. James I. Good, a member of this synod.

The said telegram was sent on Friday, and on Saturday morning the president of synod announced that the following telegram in reply had been received, which was accepted and ordered to be embodied in the minutes:

“CATSKILL, NEW YORK, June 4, 1887.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States: greeting. See Jude, 20 and 21 verses. From the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.

CHARLES I. SHEPHERD.”

II. REPORTS FROM DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

The delegates elected by the last General Synod in 1884, to corresponding bodies, presented their reports, which were received and adopted. These several reports are as follows:

1. *The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.*

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—It was my pleasure to attend the annual meeting of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, which was held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 4, 1884. Your delegate was cordially received by that reverend body, and in response to his fraternal greetings by its president, the feeling was most heartily reciprocated. During his short stay with its members he was most cordially entertained. In referring to the close proximity of the sessions of our respective synods, in which our voices commingled through our delegates, which fact might be indicative of a closer union of the two bodies, the sentiment was heartily applauded. Your representative was requested to bear to your reverend body the fraternal feelings and good wishes of our sister church, with her benediction on our work. For an account of their labors during the preceding year we refer you to their annual minutes, a copy of which we present with this report.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS H. KEFAUVER.

2. *The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.*

The undersigned, having been appointed delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, learned in the immediate wake of the adjournment of the Synod of Baltimore, of the speedy convention of the assembly. Not being able to secure his credentials in time, he forwarded the greetings of the Reformed Church in the United States to the moderator of the assembly, and also ordered a copy of the minutes of synod. A friendly personal letter was sent in reply, assuring your delegate that the reverend moderator would lay your delegate's excuse for non-attendance, and the copy of minutes forwarded, before that body.

Respectfully offered,

CLEMENT Z. WEISER.

3. *The General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.*

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, in session at Akron, O., June 1, 1887:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHERN:—In compliance with the request of the Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., your delegate *primarius*, I, as *secundus*, attended the meeting of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, convened at Harrisburg, Pa., May 27–June 2, 1885. I was cordially received by said General Synod, and in a brief address presented to it the fraternal greetings of our body, together with a copy of the Minutes of our General Synod, held at Baltimore, in May, 1884. The president of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church responded very kindly to my address, and requested me to assure you that the body which he represented took a deep interest in our welfare and was pleased to learn of our success in advancing the cause of Christ. The expenses incurred in the discharge of the duty devolved upon me amount to \$2.50.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN M. TITZEL.

4. *The Quadrennial Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church:*

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—The Synod of the Moravian Church assembled in triennial session at Lititz, Pa., May 23, 1884, only two weeks after the election of delegates by the General Synod at Baltimore.

Rev. N. Gehr, D. D., delegate *primarius* was prevented by engagements from attendance. At his request it became the pleasant duty of the delegate *secundus* to mingle with the brethren of that synod.

Your delegate was cordially received and was the recipient of many personal courtesies. An early opportunity was given to tender the synod the fraternal greetings of your reverend body. They gladly heard of the peace movement, the foreign missionary enterprise, as well as of the general progress in this part of the great moral vineyard.

Bishop E. de Schweinitz, who presided over the deliberations of the synod, cordially reciprocated the salutation of this General Synod. He reminded us of the early and intimate relation our churches sustained for each other. In the persecutions of the Reformation period the Moravian and Reformed churches formed a union. The basis of such relation was the *Consensus Sendomeriensis*, adopted in 1570. The protracted and consuming persecutions overthrew the visible organization. Congregations were nevertheless maintained in Poland and Hungary, and were spoken of as the "hidden seed." Several of these congregations are *now* in existence.

Accompanying this letter please find several papers, viz.: Report of the Bohemian Committee; Report of the Editorial Committee; Report of the Theological Seminary by the Faculty; also the Report of the Provincial Board of Church Extension.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY MOSSER.

5. *The Evangelical Synod of North America.*

To the Reverend General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—At the last meeting of the General Synod, held in Baltimore, Md., the undersigned was elected as delegate to represent your reverend body at the meeting of the Evangelical Synod in the United States. It is therefore my duty to report to your synod in regard to the fulfillment of this duty assigned to me. I take the liberty of reporting the fact, that neither I nor my *secundus*, Rev. J. F. H. Dieckman, had the necessary freedom to go to the meeting of the above named synod, because said evangelical body had so far showed no willingness to hold correspondence with our church. The Minutes of our General Synod will show that the above named synod had only once sent a representative to our synod, and otherwise gave very little evidence of such an interchange of delegates. My *secundus* authorized me to communicate these facts as our personal conviction in this matter, and joins me in respectfully asking this reverend body to excuse our non-attendance.

Very respectfully.

JOHN H. KLEIN.

III. ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

1. *To General Synod of Reformed Church in America.*—Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D., *primarius*; Rev. Benjamin Bausman, D. D., *secundus*.

2. *To General Assembly of Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.*—Rev. John I. Swander, D. D., *primarius*; Rev. James Crawford, *secundus*.

3. *To General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.*—Rev. David B. Lady, *primarius*; Rev. Henry A. Keyser, *secundus*.

4. *To Quadrennial Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church.*—Rev. Joseph B. Shumaker, D. D., *primarius*; Rev. L. Kryder Evans, *secundus*.

5. *To Evangelical Synod of North America.*—Rev. Herman Rust, D. D., *primarius*; Rev. Lewis Praikschatis, *secundus*.

IV. DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

There were no delegates present in person from corresponding bodies, and for further particulars relating to the reception of communications and the continuance of correspondence, the reader is referred to the Report of the Standing Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches, and the election of delegates to corresponding bodies.

V. THE SUBJECT OF CHURCH UNION.

The Standing Committee on Overtures during the morning session on Friday, reported in item 3 that a communication, containing the action of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church on co-operative union, was received.

The respective Standing Committees on the Minutes of the Ohio Synod, in item 6, of the Synod of the Northwest, in item 3, of the German Synod of the East, in item 7, and of the Central Synod, in item 3, reported that these synods petitioned General Synod to adopt measures looking towards a union between the Reformed Church in the United States and the Reformed Church in America.

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of the Pittsburgh Synod reported in item 7 that said synod overtured General Synod in regard to union with other churches.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of English Classes reported in item 3 that the classes of Philadelphia, Mercersburg, Eastern Ohio, Northern Illinois and Iowa overtured General Synod in behalf of a closer union with Reformed Churches in this country having a presbyterial form of government.

The same committee also reported in item 4 that North Carolina Classis requested General Synod to instruct its delegates to other Reformed bodies to bring to the attention of these bodies the desirableness of union in mission work.

The same committee also reported in item 5 a paper from Lancaster Classis (Synod in U. S.) as an overture to General Synod, touching the overture of the Protestant Episcopal Church on the subject of church union.

The subject matter of these several items was referred to a special Committee on Church Union, consisting of two members from each district synod, namely:—

- Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D., Synod in United States,
 “ Abraham B. Koplin, D. D., “ “ “ “
 “ George W. Williard, D. D., “ of Ohio.
 “ John I. Swander, D. D., “ “ “
 “ Charles F. Kriete, Synod of Northwest.
 “ Peter Joerris, “ “ “
 “ John W. Pontius, Synod of Pittsburgh.
 “ John M. Schick, “ “ “
 “ William Rupp, D. D., Synod of Potomac.
 “ Barton R. Carnahan, “ “ “
 “ John F. Busche, German Synod of East.
 “ Nicholas Gehr, D. D., “ “ “ “
 “ Herman J. Ruetenik, D. D., Central Synod.
 “ Jacob Dahlman, D. D., “ “

This committee, whose report was made the order of the day for Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock, submitted their report at the appointed time. The report was received, discussed, slightly amended and adopted; and is as follows:

The committee charged with the consideration of a closer union between Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian polity, and of various items bearing upon the subject referred to them, beg to submit the following result to the judgment of the synod.

It will not be necessary for us to give a deliverance upon the praises of Christian unity and the desirableness of a closer union between the many evangelical churches now separated by distinct formal organizations. No individual and no organized body of individuals can disparage the virtue, or discard earnest and honest attempts to promote its manifestation in actual life, without becoming liable to the suspicion or charge of not only lacking but despising that spirit of love which Jesus our Lord so highly commended, and the beauty and blessedness of that harmony and concord among his disciples, which they are solemnly enjoined to cultivate and do all in their power to promote.

If any should ask what we think of unity among Christians, and what we may stand ready to do in favor of a closer union between not only churches known by the distinctive name Reformed, but all evangelical churches, we might simply point to the history of the church of which we are the oldest branch, and to the testimony of its general course dur-

ing the past three centuries in regard to the relations of amity and fraternization between different parts of the communion of saints. We may never have indulged in loud proclamations of our love of unity and union, but it may be affirmed without boasting that from the great conference at Marburg onward the Reformed Church has shown a willingness to do more and suffer more in the interest of a true consistent Christian union than any other. Had her spirit, wishes and counsel prevailed in other days, there would be fewer divisions in the great household of faith than now exist. And now that they do exist, it is believed she will be found ready to go any length short of sacrificing vital fundamental principles and doctrines to heal the divisions.

We may, indeed, not magnify the facts or evils of sects, or be willing to stigmatize all as sects whom some superciliously despise and condemn as such. Some of the divisions now maintained sprang not from schismatic agitations, but from social and national causes naturally leading to such diversity of organizations. This holds indeed of almost every branch of the Reformed Church. They are in fact one in everything but formal union and some less vital usages.

Let it therefore be assumed that our church is ready for any proper union movement in harmony not only with I. Corinthians:xiii, but also with Galatians 1:8. The papers and items referred to us present the matter in two leading aspects: First, that of general union among different denominations of evangelical Christians; and secondly, of union between the different Reformed (Presbyterial) Churches, and especially the Reformed Church in America.

As to the *broader aspect* of the subject, proposed particularly by the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church, October, 1886, though often tenderly and zealously urged long before their action in the case, we cordially hold what we have always held and plead for, viz: That the church, as "the general assembly" of the truly chosen and regenerated of the Lord, has no doubt been often greatly "afflicted" with needless divisions and dissensions, though this has not been her sorest tribulation, if Revelation ii:14-16, be made the rule of our judgment. And holding this, the desirableness of purging the church of this evil is unhesitatingly admitted. For this we should labor, pray and hope. And accordingly we,

as bishops (or pastors) of the Reformed Church in the United States in this General Synod assembled, welcome the advance made in the direction of such a union, and declare our willingness to meet them and any other fellow-Christians of the common apostolic faith, on some equal ground or platform of conference, for the purpose of furthering *such* a union. No pride of office or claim of superior purity of faith and practice lies in the way of our joining sincerely in conference with brethren willing to meet on common ground. And the sooner the day of preparation for such a conference comes, the greater shall be our joy.

Regarding the second aspect of the subject, and, primarily under the view of a closer spiritual or possibly formal confessional union between the several families of the distinctively Reformed Churches, this synod would, above all, declare its desire that such a union in either sense might be speedily affected. It can not see clearly enough into the future through the mists now hanging over these churches in regard to organic (so called) unification or centralization—that is under one organization and government. This may, however, become more manifest in the future. Let us hope and pray that it may. But as to some closer fellowship, and some methods of evangelizing general work, there seems to be no reason why a movement should not be inaugurated at once looking to such co-operation. And to make a modest beginning in the movement, synod would suggest, that, instead of taking any steps at once invading the entire church it represents, it be left to the district synods to begin the work, if occasion offers and justifies it, within their several bounds by co-operative evangelistic efforts. This may lead, as had occurred in regard to other kindred matters, to some more general ultimate result.

Turning, in conclusion, to the other point, that of union with the Reformed Church in America, we feel encouraged by the progress already made to adopt the following action:

WHEREAS, By some oversight or mistake the Minutes of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America for 1886, have not come to hand; and

WHEREAS, We understand that said body did appoint a committee of five, of which Rev. Wm. J. R. Taylor, D. D., is

chairman, to confer with a similar committee of our church for a closer union with us, therefore,

Resolved, That this General Synod appoint a committee to confer with the committee of the Reformed Church in America on the subject of organic union with them.

In regard to the overture of Rev. John V. Potts, directing attention to a possible return of the United Brethren, the synod has nothing official before it, and, therefore, does not feel prepared to adopt any action.

Respectfully submitted. J. H. A. BOMBERGER.

Chairman.

After the adoption of the foregoing report, on motion, the following action was adopted :

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to nominate a committee of five to confer with a similar committee of the Reformed Church in America on the subject of union.

The committee consists of Revs. Dr. H. H. W. Hibshman, Dennis B. Shuey and Elder Horace Ankeney. This committee subsequently presented the following report, which was received and adopted :

Your committee appointed to designate the names of the committee on conference in regard to Church Union to meet a similar committee of the Reformed Church in America would offer the following: Revs. Thomas G. Apple, D. D., James I. Good, D. D., George W. Williard, D. D., Herman J. Ruetenik, D. D., and J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D.

Respectfully submitted. H. H. W. HIBSHMAN,

Chairman.

On motion,

Resolved, That, in the event of a vacancy in the Committee of Conference on Church Union with a similar committee of the Reformed Church in America, the president and stated clerk of this synod shall fill the same by appointing some other member of the synod.

VI. ALLIANCE OF REFORMED CHURCHES.

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of the General Synod, during the morning session on Saturday, reported in

item 16 that delegates had been appointed to the Third General Council of the Alliance of Reformed Churches held in Belfast, Ireland, in June, 1884.

Thereupon the following report was received and as amended adopted :

The undersigned members of the delegation appointed by the General Synod of 1881 and 1884 to represent our branch of the Reformed Church at the Reformed Alliance held in Belfast, Ireland, in June-July, 1884, beg leave informally and personally to report :

1. That eight of the delegates appointed were in attendance at the alliance, and were impressed with the pleasant conviction that under divine favor the alliance is proving an efficient means of promoting the vital evangelical principles and interests which it represents.

2. That the apportionment made by the alliance upon our church to secure the means to meet expenses necessarily incidental to its work, has been paid.

3. That the apportionment upon our church of \$800 of the sum to be raised for the relief of the Reformed Churches in Bohemia is recommended to the favorable consideration of this synod.

4.—We also beg to submit to your favorable notice the action of the alliance looking to fuller co-operation of Reformed (Presbyterial) Churches in the work of foreign missions.

5. The next meeting of the alliance is to be held in London, in the summer of 1888.

6. That twenty-four delegates be elected to attend the Alliance of Reformed Churches to meet at London, England, in the year 1888, sixteen of whom shall be ministers and eight elders, but that this synod is not to be responsible for the expenses of the delegates; that and any vacancies occurring to be filled by the officers of synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. A. BOMBERGER,
THOS. G. APPLE,
JAMES I. GOOD,

Delegates.

With reference to item 3 in the foregoing report, on motion, the following action was adopted :

Resolved, That the treasurer of the General Synod be authorized to advance the amount of \$800, assumed by this synod for the relief of the Reformed Churches of Bohemia, out of funds now in the treasury, this amount to be refunded to the treasury by the assessment made for the said object upon the district synods.

Resolved, That the subject matter of item 4 in the same report, be referred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions.

VII. ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO ALLIANCE OF REFORMED CHURCHES.

The following twenty-four delegates were elected to the Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian system, to be held in London, England, in 1888:

Rev. Thomas G. Apple, D. D.	Rev. Jacob O. Miller, D. D.
" Clement Z. Weiser, D. D.	" John C. Bowman.
" Samuel G. Wagner, D. D.	" Edward Herbruck, Ph. D.
" David Van Horne, D. D.	" Augustus Becker.
" Edmund R. Eschbach, D. D.	Elder Christian M. Boush.
" J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D.	" Benjamin Kuhns.
" Samuel N. Callender, D. D.	" William E. Schmertz.
" George W. Williard, D. D.	" John W. Keefer.
" Calvin S. Gerhard,	" Andrew H. Baughman.
" John B. Knies, D. D.	" Henry Wirt.
" Herman A. Muehlmeier, D. D.	" William R. Barnhart.
" Henry H. W. Hibshman, D. D.	" Daniel Shepp.

On motion,

Resolved, That the officers of the General Synod be authorized to fill any vacancies that may occur in our representation to the Alliance of Reformed Churches to be held in London in 1888.

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Standing Committee on the State of the Church and Statistics, during the afternoon session on the last day of the sessions, submitted their report which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

DEAR BRETHREN:—From the reports submitted to us by the different synods we are glad to notice that God is still honoring His church by working through her for the salvation of the world. The church, founded on Christ as the chief corner-stone, having outlasted the wreck of empires and the fall of civilizations is still the mighty power of God for the redemption of the world. If the world is ever to be saved, it is to be saved through God's church. This fact needs to be emphasized over against the pure secularism of the world on the one hand and the mere religious fanaticism on the other. God is in His church bringing men unto himself.

We rejoice that our church has been honored of God by her share in the work; and her part in it has not been a small one. With the Reformed denomination in the different parts of the earth numbering in all ten millions, she is bearing her witness to the truth as it is in Jesus, and to the sweet and precious gospel of the Heidelberg Catechism. From fifteen hundred pulpits by eight hundred watchmen of Zion, the trumpet has been sounded to a sleeping world. These tidings have been preached to her 180,000 members who represent a constituency of at least 500,000 people—one-hundredth part of the population of this great land. Who can estimate the power of such an uplifting of a crucified Christ continually Lord's day after Lord's day? Who can measure its influence on the moral and spiritual welfare of our land and our race?

The impression that the reader gets from the synodical reports is a double one. There are signs of progress and there are signs of a want of progress. But the general movement of the church is progressive rather than retrogressive. Her membership has grown 14,450 (or at the rate of 4,800 a year) since the last General Synod, a larger growth than during any previous triennial period. She is not retrograding, she is not even stationary, but progressive.

We would note signs of progress in the better endowment and equipment of our colleges with buildings and money; in the growth of interest in her Orphan Homes and Homes for the Aged, and in her Home Missionary work, which reports 111 home missions and \$89,541. But especially do we mark with pleasure the report of her Foreign Mission. Begun in weakness nine years ago, which has under the blessing of God

grown to such proportions that now already we have 5 ministers and teachers, 14 stations, 2 schools, and 705 members. And the influence of this mission in Japan has not been as great as its influence in the United States. For the work of our Foreign Mission Board has been waking up the sleeping energies of the church. Her increasing interest is shown by her enlarged liberality, \$35,709 having been raised for Foreign Missions. This growth of interest in church work is shown by the fact that she has raised twice as much for Foreign Missions as she did three years ago, and also \$50,000 more for benevolence and \$50,000 more for congregational expenses. Other signs of progress are showing themselves. The church is giving more prominence to the Sabbath-school work by the organization of a Sabbath-school Board and the appointment of a Children's Day. The work of woman is receiving recognition, and a wide opportunity is given her to labor for our mission in Japan by the thorough organization of Women's Missionary Societies in all the synods, classes and congregations of the church.

More significant still are the growing signs of unity within her borders. And although all the brethren do not as yet see eye to eye on all points, still the desire for peace shown before this meeting and the centralization of work by the organization or re-invigoration of the Boards of Home Missions and Sunday-schools reveal that the different parts of the church are regaining confidence in each other and are a harbinger of peace and unity. God's church *grows* into union—is never *forced* into it. Time and God's spirit are the great unifiers of men. And while we are uniting within ourselves, we would also notice that in harmony with the spirit of church union around us, our church expresses a desire toward union with the Reformed Church in America, and also a closer affiliation with other evangelical bodies in church work. May this desire be fulfilled, until we all come into the unity of the Spirit. We greatly rejoice at these signs that our church is catching the progressive spirit of the age, and is advancing in the great work of the Master.

But while there are so many signs of progress, we desire to call the attention of synod and of the church to some facts which reveal a startling want of progress in certain directions. During the past three years our church has grown by

only 16 congregations, at the rate of only five new congregations a year, that is all. While some of the other denominations are building a church a day, can we not do better than build one church every two months? The increase in our ministry has been a small one, only 19 in three years, or at the rate of six a year. Some of our brethren have died, some have left us for other denominations, when their aid is so much needed at home, (and some of whom had been educated at the expense of our church, and we desire to call synod's attention to this fact as requiring some action). But after all, we believe that the main reason for the slow growth of our ministry lies in the fact that not enough young men are led to study for the sacred office. Either our ministers are not urgent enough in appeals to young men, or there is need of more spirituality in our church, so as to develop candidates for the ministry, or there is need of more giving to beneficiary education by laity and ministry; but whatever be the cause we earnestly hope that General Synod will issue a new and louder call to the church for more workers in God's vineyard. Why do not parents as of old dedicate their children to the work? Why can not persons of means educate individuals for it, so that if they can not enter the ministry themselves, they can help others into it? Let us develop the church more in this direction. We are not converting the world fast enough, and we can never convert it without laborers.

The attention of synod is also called to the wide gulf between the number of our members and the number of our communicants (only about 145,000 out of 180,000). According to the tables, one-sixth of our membership do not come to the Lord's table. This reveals that there is a need of more spiritual life in the congregations to stir up the careless, that there is need of better prayer and devotional meetings to develop the spiritual life. And as there are some sections of the church where no weekly prayer-meeting is held, this body should enjoin upon classes and pastors the absolute necessity of weekly meetings for prayer. We would also call the attention of the church to the fact that the number of the Sunday-school scholars has not grown in proportion to the growth of our membership, and we hope that more attention

will be given to the development of the Sabbath-school as the nursery of the church.

In a word, the great need of our church, as of every church, is more aggressiveness. It is said that the church is losing her hold on the masses. She will not do so, if she goes out after them. Every church should be a missionary church. "The church that ceases to be evangelistic, soon ceases to be evangelical." Our missions and missionaries should aim not only to gather in Reformed material, but to gather in every other soul that has not a church home or is without a personal knowledge of the Savior's forgiveness. We are progressing. We are glad to write it. But are we progressing fast enough? While our church is progressing, is she progressing as fast as the age is? It is a sad fact that fast as God's great church is growing, she is not growing as fast as the population of the world is growing. The world is growing in numbers; sin is growing in power. Shall the church grow faster than both? While, therefore, we rejoice at the progress she has made, we feel like speaking out the desire for still greater progress during the next three years. Let our motto be, forward. Let there be an onward movement all along the line. Closing up our ranks, standing shoulder to shoulder, pressing onward in the battle let the soldiers of Christ arise. Our church has had a glorious heritage in the past. She has a blessed mission in the future, to make known the continental Reformed faith and cultus to this new world. But she has a higher mission in trying to bring every soul to the feet of Jesus. Let that be our prayer and aim. And by the time the next General Synod meets, let us aim to have doubled the increase in our accessions and our gifts. And so shall the kingdom of Christ be advanced, and the world prepared for the coming of the Lord.

There has also been progress upward as well as onward. God has been honoring our church by the translation of his saints to Himself in heaven. Fourteen thousand of her members have been taken home to be with Christ, which is far better. Among the sainted dead we would especially note the death of the treasurer of the General Synod, Bro. Wm. D. Gross, a man full of good works and of faith, and of

the spirit of Christ. The Lord has also gathered twenty-eight* of the undershepherds into the fold of the Great Shepherd on high. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord." Their works do follow after them. The influences they started and the souls they saved here below follow them there, and together the redeemed praise in an unending song the Lamb that sitteth on the throne.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES I. GOOD,
Chairman.

(For Statistical Reports see Appendix.)

After the adoption of the Report of the State of the Church, and the reading of the names of the 28 ministers, who have died during the past three years, passing from their labors to their eternal rest, the synod united in solemn prayer, led by Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D.

*NECROLOGY.—The following ministers of the Reformed Church in the United States have died during the triennial interim extending from May 7, 1884, to June 1, 1887, namely:

NAMES.	Licensed.	Ordained.	Residence.	Time of Death.	AGE.		
					Years.	Mont's.	Days.
Blaetgen, John.....	1854	1854	Menno, Dak.	Dec. 4, 1885 ...	61	12	19
Bossard, Ph. D., James.	1848	1848	Sheboygan, Wis....	June 1, 1885 ...	66	10	6
Bowers, Andrew J.,....	1870	1875	Weyer's Cave, Va. .	June 6, 1886 ..	47	7	22
Brown, Isaac G.....	1856	1856	Wichita, Kan.	May 7, 1885 ...	56	8	23
Butt, Andrew.....	1858	1858	Toledo, Ohio.....	Aug. 17, 1884 ..	76	7	9
Eichen, John.....	1857	1857	Olney, Ill.	April 12, 1885..	63	3	27
Fritchey, John G.....	1828	1828	Lancaster, Pa.	March 12, 1885..	83	1	5
Gerhard, Wm. T.....	1834	1834	Lancaster, Pa.	Aug. 18, 1886 ..	76	8	8
Gring, John.....	1824	1824	Lebanon, Pa.	Dec. 13, 1885 ..	84	8	29
Grosshuesch, Tillman..	1857	1857	Timothy, Wis.....	March 30, 1887 ..	68	3	21
Henneman, John C.....	1848	1848	Glade, Jack. Co. O..	Sept. 14, 1884 ..	69	3	10
Henry, Austin.....	1872	1872	CanalWinchest'r,O	April 6, 1885 ..	39	7	19
Herman, Lewis C.....	1831	1833	Carlisle, Pa.	July 14, 1884 ..	70	10	
Keller, Henry.....	1877	1879	Bellefonte, Pa.	April 20, 1887 ..	36	6	24
King, Henry.....	1825	1825	Baltimore, O.	Jan. 25, 1885 ..	82	3	2
Klingler, Jacob.....	1853	1853	Up. Sandusky, O..	Nov. 20, 1886 ..	68	3	29
Kluge, John T.....	1854	1854	Sheboygan, Wis....	Oct. 20, 1885 ..	70	1	5
Knipe, Jesse B.....	1830	1830	Chester Springs, Pa	June 18, 1884 ..	79	9	6
Kurtzman, George.....		1860	Rochester, Minn. .	June , 1886 ..			
Mauch, Maurice W.....	1886		Hellertown, Pa.	Dec. 6, 1886 ..	25	5	4
Meckley, John.....	1869	1870	Petersburg, O.	April 16, 1886 ..	73	5	14
Millet, John K.....	1861	1861	McEwensville, Pa. .	Sept. 9, 1885 ..	49	2	26
Nevin, D. D., John W....	1828	1829	Lancaster, Pa.	June 6, 1886 ..	83	3	16
Ruhl, John.....	1845	1845	Frostburg, Md.	May 29, 1885 ..	64		25
Ruhl, John B.....	1845	1845	Nappanee, Ind.	May 11, 1884 ..	62	4	27
Winters, D. D., David....	1824	1824	Dayton, O.	May 9, 1885 ..	83	4	15
Zehring, Jacob D.....	1846	1846	Codorus, Pa.	Feb. 5, 1887 ..	69	6	11
Zimmerman, Daniel.....	1859	1859	Galion, O.	Dec. 10, 1884 ..	70	10	11

ARTICLE XIII.

MISSIONS—HOME AND FOREIGN.

The following reports on the subject of missions, both home and foreign, were received and considered by the General Synod during its present sessions, namely :

I. HOME MISSIONS—TRIENNIAL REPORTS.

1. *Report of Board of Home Missions.*

To the Reverend General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Your Board of Home Missions would respectfully present to your consideration the following report of the work committed to its care and supervision during the past three years :

I. ORGANIZATION AND MEETINGS OF THE BOARD AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

The Board met for organization at Baltimore, Md., May 14, 1884. Rev. F. W. Kremer, D. D., was chosen president; Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D. D., secretary; and Elder Charles Santee, treasurer. An Executive Council was also constituted, consisting of the officers, together with Rev. George Wolff, D. D., and Elder H. C. Hoover.

During the interim since the last session of your reverend body, the Board has held two special meetings: the first at Lebanon, Pa., March 18, 1885; the second at Mifflinburg, Pa., October 16, 1885. Aside from the meetings of the Board, the Executive Council has also had two special meetings: one at Lancaster, Pa., May 6, 1885, the other at Philadelphia, Pa., March 24, 1886. At the meeting at Lebanon, Pa., Rev. Dr. Kremer tendered his resignation of the office of President of the Board, which was accepted, and the present incumbent of that office was then chosen as his successor.

II. NARRATIVE OF THE WORK OF HOME MISSIONS.

We have received reports from the several Boards of Home Missions under the care of the District Synods, exhibiting the work in their respective fields during the past three years, which we herewith embody, to wit :

1. *Triennial Report of the Superintendent of the Tri-Synodic Board of Home Missions, embracing the Synods of the United States, of Pittsburgh, and of the Potomac.*

President, Rev. J. O. Miller, D. D.

Secretary, Rev. W. H. H. Snyder.

Treasurer, Elder Wm. H. Seibert.

STATISTICS.

Year.	Number of Missions.	Number of Congregations.	Number of Communi'nts.	Income for Missions.	Income for Church Building.
1884	62	109	5,274	\$15,271 78	\$4,044 58
1885	64	102	5,328	19,978 62	1,025 96
1886	56	98	5,915	15,730 25	1,442 03
				\$50,980 65	\$6,512 57

The missionary year ends always with October 1. Much more than what passed through our treasury was paid for both missions and church building. About \$6,000.00 was raised by Rev. R. L. Gerhart for the church in Kansas City, Mo., and by Rev. J. W. Love for the church in Wichita, Kansas, besides a few hundred dollars by Rev. T. F. Stauffer for the church in Abilene, Kansas.

In these three years but few of the missions have become self-supporting, and part of these by reconstruction. Five or 6 have been abandoned. We now have 57 missions, (of which 7 are vacant), with 96 congregations and 5,650 communicants. The additions last year were 450, *i. e.*, about 12 per cent. The number of missionary societies and their membership in the missions, and the liberality of these people are matters of encouragement.

Of these 57 missions, two-thirds are in the East, and one-third in the West.

As to language, all are English, except those in California, Oregon, and Washington Territory, and a few that are mixed.

The college at Wichita, Kansas, has come into being within the last year, and largely through the energetic labors of Rev. D. B. Shuey, Superintendent of Missions in Kansas and Nebraska. It is not under our Board, but the endowment of its presidency comes from our three Synods, and practically the work is missionary.

The important matter of church building funds has continued to receive considerable attention. A small amount has

been apportioned from time to time for this purpose by the Synods, and a small yearly income has been received, but in order more fully to win the confidence and enlist the interest of our people in this work, the following plan for special church building funds has lately been favorably noticed by the three Synods:

Each fund shall be at least \$500, bear a distinct name, be held as a distinct fund, be under the control of this board, be loaned and only on first mortgage, (payable within ten years,) and used only for the building of churches in missions under this Board. It is encouraging to report that several such funds of \$500 each are already on hand.

Our Board has continued the publication of the *Reformed Missionary Herald*, but since January, 1886, as a four-page paper, issued by the Board of Publication in Philadelphia, Pa. Our circulation is about 5,000.

May God make his people more willing-hearted to bring large offerings for the building of his everlasting tabernacle. To him be all the praise. Yours in the Lord,

A. C. WHITMER.

2. *Triennial Report of the Board of Home Missions of the Synod of Ohio.*

President, Rev. John H. Bomberger.

Secretary, Rev. Emil P. Herbruck.

Treasurer, Rev. John J. Leberman.

The work of this Board during the last three years has been about the same as during the three preceding years, except in the increase of the number of missions. A few of the missions became self-sustaining, and a number of new ones have been established. The condition of the missions, except in one or two cases, is very hopeful, and commendable progress has been made in the number of additions of members. It is the hope of this Board to have a large majority of the missions now receiving aid, soon declare themselves able to support their own pastor. Two of the missions in Kansas, which had become self-supporting, made application for small appropriations by reason of the prevalence of hog cholera and failure of crops. This assistance is only to be rendered for a year or two.

NEW MISSIONS ESTABLISHED.

Ada, Ohio; Colon and Erie, Mich.; Baker, Kansas; and Redfield, Dakota.

STATISTICS.

Whole number of missions in three years.....	21
“ “ “ now under the care of the Board..	17
Number of missions becoming self-sustaining.....	2
“ “ discontinued.....	2
“ “ vacant.....	2
“ “ supplied.....	15
Membership of the missions at last report.....	1,520*
Increase.....	617
Number of Sunday-schools in the missions.....	29
Number of Sunday-school scholars in the missions....	1,705
Increase.....	800
Contributed by the missions for benev. purposes (3 yrs.)....	\$1,259 43
“ “ “ “ cong. “ “	12,804 00

RECEIPTS FOR MISSIONS FROM THE CHURCH.

During the year 1884.....	\$2,947 97
During the year 1885.....	3,488 19
During the year 1886.....	3,356 79
Sum total received.....	\$9,792 95

Increase in three years.....	\$103 40
Reported for church erection.....	1,800 00

JOHN J. LEBERMAN, *Treasurer.*

3. *Triennial Report of the Board of Home Missions of the Synod of the Northwest and the Central Synod—German.*

President, Rev. C. Schaaf.

Secretary, Rev. J. H. Stepler.

Treasurer, Rev. M. G. I. Stern.

STATISTICS.

MISSIONS UNDER THE CARE OF THE BOARD.

For the year 1884	34
For the year 1885.....	30
For the year 1886.....	28

NUMBER OF MISSIONS BECOMING SELF-SUSTAINING.

For the year 1884.....	3
For the year 1885.....	5
For the year 1886.....	2

NUMBER OF MISSIONS DISCONTINUED.

For the year 1884.....	5
For the year 1886.....	4

NUMBER OF MISSIONS TAKEN UNDER THE CARE OF THE BOARD.

For the year 1884.....	5
For the year 1885.....	3
For the year 1886.....	3
Number of congregations at the last report.....	35
“ “ members in the missions at the last report.....	1,762
“ “ Sunday-schools in the missions at the last report..	30
“ “ Sunday-school scholars at the last report	1,358
Contributed by the missions for benev. purposes (3 yrs.)....	\$1,500 00
“ “ “ “ cong. “ “	20,000 00

RECEIPTS FOR MISSIONS FROM THE CHURCH.

During the year 1884.....	\$4,166 79
During the year 1885.....	5,447 23
During the year 1886....	5,004 09

Sum total received.....	\$14,618 11
Increase of receipts over preceding three years.....	1,239 17

DISBURSEMENTS.

During the year 1884	\$4,049	74
During the year 1885	4,978	25
During the year 1886	4,431	29

Sum total for disbursements	\$13,459 28
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Receipts for church extension during three years.....	\$7,184 39
Expenditures for church extension during three years.....	\$5,872 84

The missions under the care of this Board extend over a territory of twelve (12) states in the Union, and with a few exceptions seem to be in a flourishing condition.

A few months ago the Board elected Rev. W. F. Horstmeier, of Terre Haute, Indiana, as missionary superintendent. His whole time and strength will be devoted to the furtherance of the missionary work in the two German Synods of the West.

Yours in Christian bonds,

C. SCHAAF, *President.*

4. *Triennial Report of the German Synod of the East.*

President, Rev. W. Walenta.

Secretary, Rev. J. B. Kniest, D. D.

Treasurer, Nicholas Wetzel.

STATISTICS.

Year.	Number of Missions.	Old Missions.	New Missions.	Number Becoming Self-Support.
1884	8			
1885	6	6		2
1886	8	6	2	

Membership of the missions according to last report.....	1,582
Communicants " " "	1,435
Number of Sunday-schools in the missions.....	9
Number of Sunday-school scholars in the missions	1,070
Contributed by the missions for benev. purposes (one year) ..	\$366 00
" " " " cong. " " ..	16,224 00

RECEIPTS FOR MISSIONS FROM THE CHURCH.

During the year 1884.....	\$3,072 35
During the year 1885.....	3,373 03
During the year 1886.....	2,915 06
Sum total of receipts.....	\$9,360 44

EXPENSES.

During the year 1884.....	\$1,951 12
During the year 1885.....	2,580 82
During the year 1886.....	2,441 86
Sum total of the expenses.....	\$6,973 80

All our missions are German, and within the bounds of our Synod. We have two in the northwestern part of New York, two in the eastern part of the same state, viz: one in New York City, (partly supported by the Tri-Synodic Board), and one in Brooklyn, which is in rather a suffering condition; three in the state of Pennsylvania, viz: one in Philadelphia, one in Harrisburg, and one in Reading; one in Baltimore, Md., one in Washington, D. C. We have no missions in the South.

Respectfully,

J. B. KNIEST, *Secretary.*

5. *Triennial Report of the Mission Department of Ursinus Union.*

Ursinus Union carries forward its mission work mainly through the regular boards of the church. Among the missions aided, since our last report, are St. Paul's German Mission, New York; German Mission, Reading, Pa.; Zwingli Mission, (German,) Harrisburg, Pa.; St. John's German Church, Lancaster, Pa.; South Philadelphia, Pa. Mission; Washington, D. C. Mission; Cumberland, Md. German Mission; contributions made to Rev. D. B. Shuey in aid of his mission work; Hiawatha, Kansas Mission; Kansas City, Mo. Mission. Aid was also extended to the Board of Missions of the Ohio Synod, and contributions were made to church extension. The amount received for the last three years was \$5,586.52.

F. W. KREMER, *Treasurer.*

GENERAL SUMMARY OF THE STATISTICS OF THE WORK.

Missions sustained by the Tri-Synodic Board.....	57
“ “ “ Board of Ohio Synod.....	17
“ “ “ N. W. and Central Synod's B'd..	28
“ “ “ Board of the Ger. Synod of the E..	8
Harbor Mission, sustained by Gen. Synod's Board.....	1
Total number of missions.....	111

MEMBERSHIP OF THE MISSIONS.

Under the Tri-Synodic Board.....	5,650
Under the Board of the Synod of Ohio.....	1,520
“ “ “ N. W. and Central Synods	1,762
“ “ “ German Synod of the East.....	1,582
Total membership of the missions.....	10,519

RECEIPTS FOR HOME MISSIONS FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS.

By the Tri-Synodic Board.....	\$50,980 65
By the Board of the Synod of Ohio.....	9,792 95
“ “ “ N. W. and Central Synods.....	14,618 11
“ “ “ German Synod of the East.....	9,360 44
“ “ “ General Synod.....	4,789 47
Sum total of receipts for Home Missions.....	\$89,541 62

REPORTED FOR CHURCH EXTENSION.

By the Tri-Synodic Board.....	\$6,512 57
By the Board of the N. W. and Central Synods.....	7,184 39
By the Board of the Synod of Ohio.....	1,800 00
Sum total reported for Church Extension.....	<u>\$15,496 96</u>
Total amount contributed for Home Miss. and Ch. Extension.	\$105,038 58
Increase over last report.....	\$27,048 88

III. HARBOR MISSIONS.

In accordance with the instruction 'given by your reverend body, at your sessions in Baltimore, Md., our Board commissioned Rev. Chas. H. Ebert, June 1, 1884, to labor as a missionary among the immigrants at the harbor of New York. His salary was, by the terms of said commission, fixed at \$800.00, together with rent for office and other necessary incidental expenses, the sum total of the outlay not to exceed \$1,000 annually. By the authority of the Executive Council, Rev. Mr. Ebert was recommissioned June 1, 1885, at a salary and rental for office not to exceed \$600.00 per annum. Under this last commission he has continued his labors to this date. The aggregate outlay for the mission up to this time has been \$2,313.48.

During these three years the missionary has labored at his post without any intermission, for the temporal and eternal welfare of the immigrants with whom he has been brought into contact. He has regularly presented to our Board bi-monthly reports of the character and progress of his work, which we have had statedly published through the church periodicals for the information of our people in regard to this important department of missionary work.

This mission has developed no little interest throughout the church in its favor, as the report of the treasurer testifies by the large balance of funds designated for this cause, which still remains in his hands, (\$972.06). At the meeting of the Board held at Mifflinburg, October 16, 1885, an official overture was received from the German Synod of the East, endorsing this Harbor Mission and its incumbent missionary.

Inasmuch as the work of missions among immigrants has been somewhat of an experiment for our branch of the

church, it may not be out of place for us to communicate to your reverend body some information in regard to the extent of the work of Harbor Missions, as it is prosecuted at the port of New York alone by other religious denominations and societies. The following denominations are represented by missionaries at Castle Garden, to wit: Besides our own church, the Reformed Church in America, the Protestant Episcopal Church, the Lutheran Church, (General Council, the Missouri Synod, and the Scandinavian, by one missionary each,) the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Baptist Church, the Albright Brethren, and the Roman Catholic Church.

The following religious societies are also represented, to wit: The American Bible Society, the Religious Tract Society, the French Aid Society, the Hebrew Aid Society, the Franz Xavier Society, the German Society, (Luth.,) and the Irish Society, (Rom. Cath.)

The following denominations have also "Emigrant Houses" for the entertainment of immigrants exclusively, to wit: The General Council of the Lutheran Church, the Missouri Synod of the same church, and the Roman Catholic Church.

The Lutheran Church began its work at Castle Garden more than thirty years ago. The General Council of the said church started their Emigrant House in 1873; the Missouri Synod of the same denomination began their Emigrant House in 1886; and the Roman Catholic Church started theirs in the same year.

The character of mission work among immigrants is somewhat peculiar. A comparison between it, and mission work in other directions can not justly be instituted. From the very nature of things this work must be largely one of casting the bread of the Gospel upon the waters, in the hope that possibly it may be gathered only after many days. It is, to a great degree, a work of humanity. Some of the immigrants, it is true, pass directly on, without any delay, to their destination, but the large majority remain at Castle Garden for a longer or a shorter period. It is during this stay that the missionary comes into contact with the immigrant, and by a word of counsel, or the communication of a tract, or paper, he may be instrumental, under the blessing of the Holy Spirit, of speaking a word in season for the Lord Jesus Christ. He may befriend a stranger in a strange land, he can protect the

unsuspecting foreigner from becoming the victim of designing men, he can minister food and help to our brethren of the same family of faith of other lands, he can give them counsel to help them on their journey, and guide them into congregations of their own nationality and religious faith, where they may find a religious home in their land of adoption. In fine, there are many ways by which a missionary among immigrants may fulfill the office of the Good Samaritan.

We have made no effort to ascertain to what extent our German churches have made accessions from this harbor mission work, for the reason that we hardly think that this alone would be a fair criterion by which to form a just judgment as to the ultimate success of the work. Its fruitage for the church, from the very nature of things, must be largely one of hope, and of the future. But, if faithfully prosecuted, we believe our German churches will eventually reap a rich reward in membership through its humble instrumentality. We would therefore submit to the consideration of your reverend body this question of the propriety of continuing the work; and further, in case your reverend body, in its wisdom, should see fit so to order, we would recommend the transfer of the management of the mission to the German Synod of the East, the General Synod guaranteeing the financial support of the mission as heretofore.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

It becomes our sad duty to communicate the intelligence of the death of a member of this board during the past triennial interim. Elder William D. Gross fell "asleep in Jesus" at his home in Philadelphia, Pa., December 7, 1884, in the sixty-fourth year of his age. He was a sincere Christian and a devoted elder of the church. His heart was largely interested in the work of missions. We have engrossed upon our minutes a suitable action, expressive of our appreciation of his life and character. We miss him from our council, but he rests from his labors. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth."

We herewith present also the report of the treasurer of the board, Elder Charles Santee, exhibiting the receipts and expenditures during the past three years, together with a summary of the same for publication in the minutes of synod.

Taking a retrospect of the work of home missions as it has been prosecuted by our church during the past triennium, we may see many evidences of growth and development in the kingdom of grace. It is true, the number of missions reported at this time is not as large by thirty-one as the number reported three years since, but this decrease can be accounted for, mainly, by the number becoming self-supporting during the interim, as well as also by the consideration that our district boards are more than formerly concentrating their men and resources upon the larger centers of population, to the neglect of smaller and less important points. The amount of contributions, however, for home missions and church extension from all sources, is in excess of the amount reported three years ago by \$27,048.88.

“Hitherto hath the Lord blessed us” in this great work! To his holy name be all the praise! And for the future, may he inspire us with a renewed consecration of ourselves, our time, and our gifts, to his most blessed service in order that we may contribute our part in the great work of the church Catholic to hasten the coming of that glorious day, when “the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.”

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. PETERS, *President.*

EDMUND R. ESCHBACH, *Secretary.*

2. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Home Missions.*

CHAS. SANTEE, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

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1. SYNOD IN THE UNITED STATES.

Received from the following Classes:

1. East Pennsylvania	\$	
2. Lebanon.	145	00
3. Philadelphia	53	00
4. Lancaster.	106	28
5. East Susquehanna.....	179	55
6. West “	94	50
7. Goshenhoppen.....	230	65
8. Tohickon.	135	00
9. Lehigh	130	23
10. Schuylkill	100	00

\$1,174 21

2. SYNOD OF OHIO.

1. Miami.....	\$21 76
2. Lancaster.....	44 99
3. Tuscarawas	6 00
4. Tiffin.....	8 91
5. Eastern Ohio.....	32 03
6. Northern Illinois.....	16 94
7. Shelby	50 00
8. Iowa	22 00
9. St. Joseph.....	
10. Kansas	5 00
11. St. John's	20 00
	\$227 63

3. SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST.

Received from the Treasurer.....	\$155 00
1. Zion's.....	13 05
2. Sheboygan.....	23 70
3. Indiana.	42 20
4. Milwaukee	2 00
5. Minnesota	9 00
6. Nebraska.....	23 50
7. Ursinus.....	5 00
8. Missouri.....	6 00
9. Chicago	
	\$279 45

4. SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.

1. Westmoreland.....	\$42 00
2. Clarion	10 30
3. St. Paul's	10 00
4. Somerset	10 00
5. Allegheny	
	\$72 30

5. SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

Received from the Treasurer	\$136 35
1. Zion's.....	16 89
2. Maryland.....	47 00
3. Mercersburg.....	53 00
4. Virginia	
5. North Carolina	
6. Gettysburg	60 00
7. Carlisle.....	38 69
8. Juniata.....	140 00
9. San Francisco.....	
10. Portland-Oregon	
	\$491 93

6. GERMAN SYNOD OF THE EAST.

Received from the Treasurer.....	\$115 00
1. New York.....	50 00
2. West New York	68 00
3. German Philadelphia.....	17 00
4. German Maryland.....	20 00
5. West Pennsylvania.....	
	\$270 00

7. CENTRAL SYNOD.

Received from the Treasurer.....	\$185 00
1. Heidelberg	15 00
2. Erie.....	39 46
3. St. John's.....	
4. Cincinnati.....	35 00
	\$274 46

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

Collection at General Synod, Baltimore.....	\$180 00
Contributions from various persons.....	44 78
Interest and dividends on Investments.....	519 40
	\$744 18

LEGACIES.

Estate of Elizabeth Dieffenbacher.....	\$655 31
“ “ Elizabeth Jordan.....	600 00
	\$1,255 31

CONDENSED STATEMENT.

Aggregate receipts from May 19, 1884, to May 24, 1887.....	\$4,789 47
Disbursements during the same period.....	\$3,817 41
Balance in the Treasury.....	972 06
	\$4,789 47

Investments belonging to the Board of Home Missions, General Synod
of the Reformed Church in the United States:

\$2,000 American Steamship Company, cost.....	\$2,045 00
29 shares Penna. R. R. Company, cost.....	1,515 63
	\$3,560 63
Worth on the market, May 24, 1887.....	\$3,838 50
Surplus.....	\$277 93

The above named securities could be turned into money, at about the
value referred to.

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLES SANTEE, *Treasurer.*

The undersigned, this 1st of June, 1887, hereby certify that they have carefully audited the foregoing account and find the same correct.

C. M. BOUSH,
H. C. HOOVER,
Auditors.

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Standing Committee on Home Missions submitted their report, which was received, and, together with the report of the board, and of the treasurer, adopted. It is as follows :

The Committee on Home Missions would respectfully present the following as their report :

There has been referred to this Committee the Report of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod. There have also been referred to this committee several items from Minutes of Lebanon Classis ; from the German Synod of the East with regard to Harbor Missions ; an overture from Ohio Synod praying that our missionary operations be carried forward in accordance with constitutional requirements ; an item concerning the salary of a General Superintendent of Missions. From these documents we learn that the total number of missions at present under the care of the board is 111. This, as compared with the report of three years ago, shows a diminution of the number of missions to the number of 31. This decrease is accounted for by the board by the number of missions becoming self-supporting during the interim, as also by the consideration that the District Boards are more than formerly concentrating their men and resources upon the larger centers of population to the neglect of smaller and less important points. It is gratifying, however, to notice the fact that, notwithstanding the decrease in the number of missions, there has been a very considerable increase in the amount of money raised and expended for the prosecution of the home missionary work. There was contributed, namely, for the work of Home Missions and Church Extension, within the past three years, the sum of \$105,038.58, being an increase over the amount reported for the same object three years ago, of \$27,048.88.

As regards the matter of Harbor Missions, the board reports that, in accordance with the instructions given at the last session of the General Synod at Baltimore, the Rev. Chas. H. Ebert was commissioned, June 1st, 1884, as a missionary among the immigrants at the harbor of New York, at which point he has been laboring, under their supervision, without intermission, since that time. The board calls attention to the importance of this particular work, and, with the suggestion of a certain change in the management of it, recommends the continuance of the mission.

There have been referred to the committee, also, a letter from Rev. J. Muehlhaupt, of Salem, Oregon, calling the attention of the General Synod to the importance of missionary labor on the Pacific Coast; and a letter from Rev. J. V. Potts asking for the appointment of a committee to examine into the offer by the International Co., of Mexico, of a grant of land in Lower California, should the church wish to use it for educational or religious purposes.

Considering the facts now stated, your committee would recommend the following action for adoption by the General Synod :

1. *Resolved*, That this General Synod expresses its grateful appreciation of what has been accomplished for the cause of missions within the past three years by its board and the boards of the several District Synods; and hereby once more earnestly commends the sacred cause of Home Missions to the several District Synods and their boards, and also to the classes, asking that such action be taken as will serve to increase as much as possible the liberality and activity in this respect.

2. *Resolved*, That this synod again expresses its sense of the need of missionary work by our church among the immigrants at the harbor of New York, and its wish that the mission inaugurated there be continued; and it is hereby ordered that the sum of \$2,000 be appropriated for the support of this mission.

3. *Resolved*, That the management of the mission at the harbor of New York be transferred to the German Synod of the East.

4. *Resolved*, That the above mentioned communications relating to Oregon and Lower California be commended for consideration to the General Synod's Board of Home Missions.

5. *Resolved*, (a) That this synod calls the attention of the several District Synods to that part of the constitution requiring District Synods to confine their missionary operations to their own territory; (b) that the missions now operated by the District Synods beyond their own bounds be transferred as soon as practicable to General Synod's Board of Home Missions. (Min. O. Synod, 1885, page 33).

6. *Resolved*, That the salary of the General Superintendent of Missions be fixed at \$1200, and the necessary traveling expenses.

Your committee would call the attention of Synod to the following vacancies in the Board of Home Missions, May, 1887: Revs. Jacob O. Miller, D. D., Geo. Wolff, D. D., Geo. W. Williard, D. D., John H. Klein, D. D., and Elders Wm. D. Gross and Chas. Santee.

Respectfully submitted.

J. SPANGLER KIEFFER, *Chairman*.

III. UNIFICATION OF MISSION WORK.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod, during the morning session on Friday, reported in item 5 that a committee was continued to submit a plan by which the Home Mission work of the entire Reformed Church shall be carried forward more efficiently under the direct management of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod, with instructions to report to this synod. The said committee thereupon submitted their report, which was received, and its consideration made the order of the day for Monday afternoon, immediately after the opening of the session. At the appointed time the report was taken up and after being discussed laid on the table to make room for the consideration of the proposed new constitution. It was then again taken up and considered item by item. After considerable discussion, the following substitute was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That the district synods be and hereby are requested to carry forward their Home Mission work in such a

manner as to open the way for the unification of our home missionary operations under the Board of the General Synod at the earliest practicable date.

Resolved, That the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod be authorized to appoint a general superintendent of our home missionary work, as soon as practicable.

On motion, it was also

Resolved, That the matter of salary of the general missionary superintendent be referred to the the Standing Committee on Home Missions.

IV. CONCERNING WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

Philadelphia Classis, as reported during Monday afternoon session, in item 18, by the Standing Committee on Minutes of English Classes, petitioned General Synod to take favorable action in behalf of Women's Missionary Societies:

With respect to this petition, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the request be referred to a special committee which shall define the proper relation of women to the mission work of the church, and the judicatories of the church in general.

The committee consists of Revs. David B. Lady, John M. Kendig, John H. Stepler, and Elders Hiram C. Hoover and Andrew H. Baughman. This committee, during the afternoon session on Tuesday, submitted their report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee to which was referred the request of Philadelphia Classis that this synod define the relation of women to the Synodical Boards of Missions of the Reformed Church, beg leave to offer the following for adoption:

1. That the General Synod approves of the organization of Women's Missionary Societies, congregational, classical, synodical, and also that embracing the General Synod.

2. That it is the desire of this synod that the Women's Missionary Societies carry on their work in harmony with and under the direction of the District Synods' and General Synod's Boards, paying their monies into the common treasuries of both Home and Foreign Missions.

3. That it is competent for the Boards of the General Synod and District Synods to assign to the women's societies cer-

tain missions, Home and Foreign, such as the school for girls at Sendai in the foreign field, for whose support they may hold themselves responsible.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID B. LADY, *Chairman.*

Miami Classis, as reported in item 9 by the Standing Committee on Minutes of English Classes during Monday morning session, overtured General Synod to secure an evangelist to visit weak churches within its (General Synod's) bounds. In regard to this overture, on motion, the following action was adopted:

WHEREAS, The work of assisting weak charges is performed, as far as possible, through the missionary boards; therefore,

Resolved, That this synod is not prepared to comply with the request of Miami Classis.

V. FOREIGN MISSIONS—TRIENNIAL REPORTS.

1. *Report of Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions. To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:*

FATHERS AND BROTHERS:—In presenting to you this third triennial report, the members of the board desire to express their hearty gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for His favors extended to us as an organization during the past three years. While the work of conducting the mission has not been accomplished without continued anxiety and effort, yet the progress has been marked, and the encouragement great. Doubts as to the particular place where we should concentrate our efforts in the wide field lately opened in Japan have been removed, the missionaries re-inforced, and the liberality of the church increased.

We address you now under widely differing circumstances from those attending the inception of our work in 1878. Nine years have rolled away since, during the sessions of your venerable body at Lancaster, Pa., you authorized the board to organize in its present form. Then we had no mission of our own in the foreign field. The wisdom and expediency of undertaking the work on our own account were doubted by

many; and a surplus of only \$4,563.09 remained in the treasury when we ceased to contribute to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and to the German Mission at Bismampore, India, and which, with the accumulated interest, April 18, 1878, amounted to \$5,296.39. We now have seven adult persons in our mission in Japan, sent out and supported entirely by the free-will offering of the church. We have been led, as we believe, by the hand of Providence, to concentrate our efforts largely at Sendai and vicinity, where there is an encouraging outlook for the immediate future.

At the time of your last meeting at Baltimore, in 1884, we had only the Rev. Ambrose D. Gring and family and Rev. Jairus P. Moore and wife in the mission. On the twenty-first of April, 1885, the Board met at Harrisburg and examined Rev. William E. Hoy, Miss Lizzie R. Poorbaugh, and Miss Mary B. Ault as candidates for foreign missionaries, after which they were duly elected to that office.

Brother Hoy was ordained and commissioned during the sessions of the Synod in the United States, at Mifflinburg, October 15, 1885, sailed from San Francisco November 10th, arrived at Yokohama December 1st, and at Sendai January 13th, 1886. A farewell meeting with Miss Poorbaugh and Miss Ault was held in Salem Reformed Church, Harrisburg, June 1st, 1886; they sailed from San Francisco on June 12th, arrived at Yokohama July 2d, and at Sendai July 16th, where all three now reside, diligently engaged in the study of Japanese and in teaching in the English language.

Sendai is located some two hundred and fifty miles north of Tokio, the capital of the Empire, and contains sixty thousand inhabitants. It is situated in the Ken or Province of Miyagi, which has a population of six hundred and fifty-three thousand one hundred and fifty-nine, and is the natural center of a population of six millions of souls, for the most part destitute of a knowledge of the true God. This interesting field was cultivated by a Mr. Yoshikawa, a native converted under the preaching of the Rev. Mr. Ballagh, of the Reformed Church in America; and when our missionaries united with the "council," he, with other native helpers, came with their work into fellowship with our missionaries, and under our immediate care. The cession of this interesting field to us

gives us two self-supporting churches at Sendai, and five out-stations, viz: Iwanuma, Ishinomaki, Funkawa, Hakadote, and Fukushima, numbering a total membership of four hundred and forty-four. The working force consists of three ordained ministers (including Brother Hoy) and five licensed evangelists, with whom the native Christians co-operate heartily, contributing one-third of the total expense.

In view of these circumstances it is no wonder that Brother Hoy wrote the senior missionary: "I see more and more of our grand opportunities, but at the same time I grow more and more conscious of our weakness as a mission, and the necessity of looking to God earnestly in prayer for needed help. We now have two hundred members in and around Tokio and four hundred and forty-four here, with frequent accessions. Our theological students are actively engaged; they have regular preaching stations, do house preaching and Sunday-school work. Hakodate has become self-supporting, and the twenty-four Christians, recently baptized at Mororan, ask for a pastor. I am constantly praying for more money and men for the work. Let us do all we can. Oh! if we can only hold the field up here!"

All our missionaries share these sentiments, and plead with us earnestly to send forth more laborers, and to grant them allowances sufficient to sustain the helpers in the field. It is in this spirit that Brother Moore and wife have consented to leave their promising field in Tokio, move to Sendai, and aid in the pressing work at that point. He has baptized sixty-seven adults and nine infants, organized a congregation at Bancho of forty members, and visited the out-stations, beside teaching as he had opportunity. He writes: "Could you but come here and know all that we know, and see all that we see, of the opportunities and needs of this field you would share our enthusiasm. Men, money and prayer for the present, not for the future, should be the motto of all who are interested in the evangelization of Japan." Brother Gring also writes: "This work in and around Sendai is all placed under the direction of our mission with the expectation that we will carry it forward energetically; and we cannot expect to hold the field as our own unless we meet the demands."

It appears that we now have fourteen stations and seven hundred and five members in our charge altogether; for it

must be remembered that the excellent work accomplished by the brethren Gring and Moore in and around Tokio is yet under our fostering care.

Recognizing the vital importance of correct theological training of young men of piety and ability, Brother Hoy has established in the last year a school for this purpose in Sendai. He has now under his care seven students, one of whom is self-supporting. These young men assist him in evangelical labor and in the Sunday-school work, and through their efforts a number of souls have already been hopefully converted. Brother Hoy feels much encouraged with the progress they have made, and we regard the training school as one of the most important branches of our mission, and as destined to become a powerful factor in the spread of the Gospel.

The girls' school at Sendai, with forty-one pupils, begun by Miss Poorbaugh and Miss Ault last September, is kept in a Japanese dwelling, and it is evident to all that they need a new building, specially adapted to their purpose. Their earnest appeals to us have not been in vain. For in this connection it is most gratifying to report that the Rev. J. I. Swander, D. D., and wife, of Fremont, Ohio, have contributed the eleven hundred dollars solicited for the purchase of the lot on which the school building and mission homes are to be erected. The kind donors attach no other condition to their gift except the expression of the hope that the amount needed for the erection of the school-building and homes for the missionaries be raised by the whole church without delay. Very soon after the receipt of this donation, the money and the order were sent to Brother Hoy to purchase the lot, but the land had risen in value and he could not obtain it for less than about thirteen hundred dollars. This difference had already been contributed by various parties for the purchase of the land, and the additional sum required forwarded. The land purchased contains a little over two acres. It is situated in the heart of Sendai, fronting four hundred and sixty feet on Sambancho (Third) street, extending from Yinagi (or Willow) street to Hitame (North-Eye) street, and running in depth along the last two mentioned streets an average of one hundred and ninety feet. The railroad station is on Gobancho (Fifth) street, and but a short distance from our property. In connection with the acknowledgment of this

timely gift, we would further state that the sum of two thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven dollars and eight cents has been received up to date, (May 3d,) and designated by the donors for the school-building, which will be reserved for that special purpose. Other sums received for the girls' school, not specifically designated for building purposes, the treasurer was authorized by the board to use for the maintenance of the school.

The following extract is taken from the "Tenth Annual Report of the Council of the United Missions in Japan, for the year 1886," just received :

"In Sendai the ladies of the Reformed (German) Mission have begun a school for girls with almost unexampled prospects of success. There being no other such school in all that part of Japan. They are encouraged beyond their largest expectations. The number of pupils has grown steadily from the first, to a present attendance of forty-one. The Governor has shown appreciation of the enterprise by sending his daughter to the school. * * *

"An Evangelistic Training School of nine students is taught in Sendai, by Revs. Hoy and Oshikawa. Text-books in the Theological School in Tokio, aid in the instruction. Several of the nine students are at their own charges. All assist in Christian work on Sundays. It is probable that before this year (1887) closes, the number in attendance will be upwards of twenty, which is the more encouraging in view of the great opportunities reported as offering in the North."

Whilst the board are exceedingly grateful for the well-meant efforts of individuals and societies in various parts of the church, to contribute for new specific objects, without first submitting them to the board for examination and approval, they would nevertheless respectfully request that it be borne in mind that such gifts, unless very large in amount, tend greatly to embarrass its operations. The regular revenue has been annually increasing, so that there has been received enough to carry on the work in Japan, as already planned. The building of a female seminary and of several houses for the missionaries in Sendai, will require at least ten thousand dollars, in addition to what we have already on hand. This is stated on the supposition that the seminary building shall contain dormitories for from eighty to one hundred pupils.

If a smaller building should be agreed upon a less amount will answer. The amount can only be approximately given, after the plans shall have been received and adopted. Whatever amount shall be realized from the sale of the mission-house in Tokio, which cost about four thousand dollars, will be applied to the erection of homes for the missionaries in Sendai, thus using the means which it cost for the same purpose originally intended by the board.

We further acknowledge the receipt of forty finely finished school desks, contributed by a member of the First Reformed Church of Dayton, Ohio, and forwarded at his own personal expense of one hundred and seventy-one dollars and ten cents, including freight, to the girls' school at Sendai. A fine cabinet organ has also been contributed by another member of the board, and is now in use in the school.

The following bequests have been received during the past three years, viz: Anna M. Ditzler and Susan Ditzler, \$300; Elizabeth Dieffenbacher, \$655.30; Isaac Hess (verbal) bequest before dying of two hundred dollars, to fulfill which his daughters, Maggie A. and Ida M. Hess, each generously paid one hundred dollars; Miss Anna M. Ditzler, \$200; John Henry Boockhold, \$150; Anna K. Uhler, \$930, net. Most of these bequests, as will be seen, are the gifts of Christian women. Women's missionary societies are springing up in various parts of the church, which are of great and increasing service to the cause. To the women of the Reformed Church, Miss Poorbaugh and Miss Ault make their earnest appeal for aid in rescuing from sin and spiritual death their degraded sisters in the Empire of Japan, and upon them the girls' school at Sendai has a special claim for prayer and financial aid.

We report continued appropriations to the support of the missions among the Indians in Wisconsin, carried forward mainly by the German brethren of our church. We do this the more cheerfully since these brethren have been among our most liberal contributors to our foreign missions from the very beginning.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board, held in March last, a resolution was adopted requesting the pastors of our denomination to set apart Whit-Sunday of each year, as a day on which to preach to their respective

congregations upon the subject of Foreign Missions, to invoke the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our own people and upon the heathen world, and to supplement these religious exercises with gifts to the missionary treasury, according as the Lord has given them ability. We trust that this action may meet the attention it deserves, and that your venerable body may give your sanction to the same by recommending, in an official way, such an observance of that day.

We thankfully acknowledge our obligations to all our church papers for so kindly opening their columns for the spreading of missionary intelligence. The *Messenger*, *Christian World*, *Kirchenzeitung*, *Hausfreund*, *Missionary Herald*, and *Missionbote* have thus rendered efficient service.

The ten thousand copies of the printed reports of the farewell meeting with Miss Poorbaugh and Miss Ault, and the later tract containing letters from the missionaries, and other valuable information, of which twenty-four thousand have also been circulated, have been well received, and are bringing in most satisfactory pecuniary returns.

Our charter requires that four ministers and two elders be elected by you at the present session to serve as members of the board for the term of six years, the terms of office of the following named brethren expire, viz: Revs. B. Bausman, D. D., C. Z. Weiser, D. D., N. Gehr, D. D., J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D., and Elders R. F. Kelker and G. S. Griffith. We further express the hope that General Synod, during its session, will hold anniversary services, and commend the Japan Mission to the prayers and the benevolence of the whole church.

Finally, we urge you to consider well the providential opening before us in Northern Japan. We will be permitted to reap a rich ripe harvest there, if we justify the remark of the Rev. E. A. Lawrence, a missionary of a sister denomination, where he speaks of the "short but excellent work of the Reformed Church of the United States in the field now allotted to them." The missionary spirit pervades all the living churches around us in this country to-day. Fifteen hundred students in American institutions have lately declared that they are willing and desirous to be foreign missionaries, if God opens the way by furnishing the neces-

sary means. There are those in our own denomination who would also gladly engage in this work. Miss Rebecca L. Irvine, a daughter of one of our deceased ministers, is to depart for Nagasaki, Japan, this summer, as a missionary of the Reformed Church in America, because we have not the means to send her forth at this time. And now, since the sons and daughters of the church are ready to go forth, shall they be kept back from this noble work because we will not furnish the necessary means? The estimated current expenses for the year ending June 1, 1888, will be about eleven thousand dollars, which will be three thousand, five hundred dollars more than was needed for the year preceding. In order to carry forward the great and growing work God has assigned to us, it is of the utmost importance that the church furnish the requisite means.

We expect the return of our senior missionary soon, with his family, in order that they may recruit their impaired health. And when he shall plead with our churches to sustain this cause, may the Lord graciously incline them to devise and do liberal things in behalf of his kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID VAN HORNE, *President.*

HARRISBURG, PA., May 3, 1887.

2. *Condensed Report of Treasurer of Foreign Missions.*

RUDOLPH F. KELKER, *Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, in account with said Board, exhibiting the receipts and expenditures for three years, from May 6, 1884, to May 3, 1887.*

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasurer's hands May 6, 1884.....		\$3,280 07
Principal of temporary loan repaid.....	\$2,000 00	
“ Brinker legacy repaid.....	1,609 83	
		3,609 83
Interest on loans.....		378 99
Legacies received, (net amount,).....	\$2,435 30	
Actual contributions from all other sources.....	29,285 24	
		31,720 54
Total debit side of report.....		\$38,989 43

EXPENDITURES.

Rev. Ambrose D. Gring, salary and expenses of all missionary operations under his direction..	\$9,941 65
Rev. Jairus P. Moore, salary and expenses of all missionary operations under his direction.....	7,096 10,
Fare and passage money from Harrisburg to Yokohama, Japan, of Miss Lizzie R. Poorbaugh, Miss Mary B. Ault, and including Kitty Poorbaugh, (the latter, Kitty Poorbaugh's, \$133, repaid by Miss Lizzie R. Poorbaugh to the treasurer)	665 00
Rev. William E. Hoy, outfit, fare, and passage money, salary and expenses.....	2,429 68
Miss Lizzie R. Poorbaugh, salary, &c.....	1,184 00
Miss Mary B. Ault, salary, &c.....	1,192 19
Books for Theological Training School, Sendai..	18 43
Expenses of girls' school at Sendai.....	683 58
Rev. J. P. Moore, treasurer of our missions, on account of evangelistic and other work, under the direction of the mission.....	1,200 00
Traveling expenses of the members of the board, attending meeting thereof, and of the executive committee.....	452 58
Salary of Rev. Thos. S. Johnston, D. D., secretary of the Board, and traveling expenses, postage, telegrams, expressage, stationery, &c....	1,980 00
For printing 5,000 copies Second Triennial Report of the Board, \$190.46; expressage, postage, and expenses forwarding them, \$45.15....	235 61
Printing and mailing \$10,000 copies "Farewell Missionary Meeting," and 24,000 copies of "Letters from our Missionaries," to all the Reformed ministers of the United States, and to contributors.....	278 84
For 36,000 copies lithographic view of school building and preaching place, Nihon, Bashi, in Tokio.....	392 20
Actual expenses paid by the treasurer for postage, envelopes, expressage, telegrams, expediting pictures throughout the church, and on books and other articles to Japan.....	239 77
Printing and expediting the appeal of Rev. J. P. Moore, to all the ministers of the Reformed Church in the U. S.....	19 30
One copy of Prof. Rein's Japan, for use of the board	6 38
Carried forward.....	\$28,015 31

Brought forward.....		\$28,015 31
For boxes and chests, and freight on goods of outgoing missionaries, Hoy, Poorbaugh, and Ault, and on the mission cabinet organ, sewing machine, &c.....	123 80	
For cupboard for storing mission books and papers	14 00	
Fire proof safe for secretary's use and freight....	63 54	
Temporary loan.....	2,000 00	
Cablegrams to Japan, in all.....	99 84	
For mission among the Indians, under care of Sheboygan Classis.....	600 00	
Commissions paid J. D. Cameron, agt., for drafts on London, for paying missionaries in Japan, in all.....	12 30	
Certified copy of will of John Boockhold, deceased	3 30	
Attorney fee in defending claim for legacy of Anna K. Uhler, deceased.....	20 00	
For 40 desks with seats, for girls' school in Sendai, and freight to Japan. (This amount donated to the board by a member of First Ref. Ch., of Dayton, Ohio,).....	171 10	
For lot of ground for mission houses and female seminary in Sendai.....	1,100 00	
Rev. Ambrose D. Gring, to use as much thereof as will be necessary to pay the expenses of himself and family, to return home by way of San Francisco.....	1,000 00	
		\$5,207 88
		\$33,223 19
Balance in treasurer's hands, May 3, 1887.....		5,766 24
		\$38,989 43

NOTE.—This balance of \$5,766.24 includes principal sum of the legacy of Sarah Brinker, deceased, \$1,609.83, which has been invested, but was repaid April 8, 1887, and which will shortly be reinvested.

The treasurer also holds, in addition to the above stated balance, the Dechant legacy of \$100.00, which is safely invested in a school bond of the city of Harrisburg.

MEMORANDA.

The salaries of the missionaries are transmitted by the treasurer, so that they shall receive them three months in advance.

Since October 30, 1880, there were issued by direction of the executive committee, in addition to triennial reports and circulars, &c., the following publications which have produced a profit over and above all expenses of printing and mailing, &c., of more than five thousand dollars.

Seventeen thousand and six hundred mission house certificates, containing picture of dwelling No. 28, Tsukiji, Tokio, and portraits of Rev. Gring and wife.

Thirty-six thousand lithographic pictures of the school-house and place of worship at Nihon-Bashi, Tokio.

Ten thousand copies of the proceedings of the farewell meeting, in Harrisburg, before the departure of Miss Poorbaugh and Miss Ault.

Twenty-four thousand pamphlets, containing letters from our missionaries, and other useful information. Of these 7,000 copies were in the German language.

In conclusion, the treasurer would take this occasion to express his sincere thanks to the Board of Commissioners, and to the General Synod, for the generous confidence reposed in him, as well as for honoring him for so many years with this sacred trust.

He now presents his final report, and would beg leave to congratulate the reverend synod upon the wonderful success with which the God of Missions has been pleased to bless our mission in Japan. That he has by his Holy Spirit inspired our beloved church at home with such a new and increasing zeal in this blessed cause, calls for devout gratitude and for an entire and hearty consecration of all our powers to the work of advancing the Redeemer's kingdom, until his golden scepter of Light, Love, and Salvation shall be extended over all the nations of the earth.

In the love and fellowship of the gospel,

RUDOLPH F. KELKER, *Treasurer.*

HARRISBURG, PA., May 3, 1887.

VI. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Standing Committee on Foreign Missions, during the afternoon session on Tuesday, submitted their report, which was received, and, together with the report of the board and of its treasurer, adopted.

Your committee respectfully submit the following:

The papers placed in our hands are the Report of the President of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and also its Treasurer's Report, together with a request from North Carolina Classis.

From these we learn with much pleasure, that under the judicious management of the board our foreign missionary work is in a most prosperous condition. Every reasonable expectation has been realized. Even more, for when it is remembered that this work had its beginning less than ten years ago, the work accomplished is marvelously large. To be properly impressed it must not be forgotten that much time was necessarily consumed in doing foundation work, the unseen preparation, and yet so essential to make the superstructure sure. For all this we now record our gratitude to Him through whose favor alone we enjoy this great prosperity.

But as the documents giving a detailed account of all our foreign missionary work will be accessible to all the readers of this report, your committee's work is limited to such recommendations which, it is hoped, may meet the approbation of this synod:

Resolved, That this synod recommends to the churches under its care increased contributions, to at least \$15,000, towards the support of this cause annually.

Resolved, That this synod gratefully acknowledges the very efficient help rendered this benevolent enterprise by the church periodicals, and as our church papers are significant factors in the education of our people, that they be respectfully requested to continue to bring to the attention of all, the facts of our missionary operations, that we may have their intelligent co-operation.

Resolved, That we hail with peculiar joy the formation of Women's Missionary Societies in our different congregations, and that we recognize in this the dawn of a brighter day in our foreign missionary work.

Resolved, That synod requests that all the pastors of our different congregations preach on the subject of foreign missions once each year at least, and that at the same time a collection be lifted in the interest of the board.

Resolved, That the action of the board in co-operating

with other Protestant churches in the mission work in Japan, meets the unqualified approbation of this synod.

Resolved, That the thanks of this synod be extended to the Hon. R. F. Kelker, the treasurer of the board, for the efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of his responsible and laborious position.

Resolved, That synod hears with great regret of the continued illness of Dr. T. S. Johnson, secretary of the board, and sends to him its sympathies, and offers in his behalf its prayers.

Synod is hereby reminded that the time for which the Revs. Dr. B. Bausman, C. Z. Weiser, N. Gehr, and J. H. A. Bomberger, and Elders R. F. Kelker and G. S. Griffith were elected, expires at this synod.

Finally, it is most gratifying to your committee to learn from the treasurer's statements that there is now in his possession the sum of five thousand seven hundred and sixty-six dollars and twenty-four cents.

Respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL B. YOCKEY.

Chairman.

VII. ELECTION OF BOARDS OF MISSIONS.

1. *Board of Home Missions.*

Members whose term expires 1890.

Rev. Ed. R. Eschbach, D. D. Rev. John W. Love.

“ F. W. Kremer, D. D. Elder Hiram C. Hoover.

“ John A. Peters, D. D. “ Christian M. Boush.

Members whose term expires May, 1893:

Rev. John H. Klein, D. D. Rev. John J. Leberman.

“ John M. Kendig. Elder Charles Santee.

“ Dewalt S. Fouse. “ John S. Zimmerman.

Officers of Board of Home Missions:

Rev. John A. Peters, D. D., *President*, Danville, Pa.

Rev. Edmund R. Eschbach, D. D., *Secretary*, Baltimore, Md.

Mr. Charles Santee, *Treasurer*, 532 N. 6th St., Philadelphia.

2. *Board of Foreign Missions.*

Members whose term expires May, 1890:

Rev. Thos. S. Johnston, D. D. Rev. Adam C. Whitmer.

“ David Van Horne, D. D. Elder William H. Seibert.

“ Samuel G. Wagner, D. D. “ Benjamin Kuhns.

Members whose term expires May, 1893 :

Rev. Benj. Bausman, D. D. Rev. Jacob Dahlman, D. D.
 “ Clement Z. Weiser, D. D. Elder Rudolph F. Kelker.
 “ Nicholas Gehr, D. D. “ Goldsboro. S. Griffith.

Officers of the Board of Foreign Missions :

Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., *President*, Philadelphia, Pa.
 Rev. C. Z. Weiser, D. D., *Vice Pres.*, East Greenville, Pa.
 Rev. Allen R. Bartholomew, *Secretary*, Pottsville, Pa.
 Rudolph F. Kelker, Esq., *Treasurer*, Harrisburg, Pa.

ARTICLE XIV.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

The following reports were received and considered during the present sessions of synod :

I. ORPHANS' HOMES.

1. *Report of Directors of Orphans' Homes of General Synod.*

There was no report received from the directors.

2. *Report of Board of Bethany Orphans' Home.*

FATHERS AND BRETHREN :—In behalf of the Board of Managers of Bethany Orphans' Home, Womelsdorf, Pa., the undersigned respectfully presents the following statement :

During the three years since the last meeting of the General Synod, held in Baltimore, Maryland, the Home, under the blessing of God, has enjoyed a period of uninterrupted prosperity. There have been no deaths in the Home and as far as we know, not even one case of serious sickness.

Time, however, has not been so unsparing in his dealings with the honored members of the Board of Managers. In this period three brethren, Joseph Laubach, Wm. D. Gross, and George Gelbach, well known to the church at large, firm friends of the Home, almost from the time of its inception, and members of our Board of Managers for a period of upwards of twenty years, were called to their final resting place. The Home keenly feels the loss of these worthy brethren, but it is gratifying to know that their lives were spared long enough to see the object, which was so dear to their hearts, and which they so cheerfully supported in all its trials, attain a successful position.

Since the last meeting of the General Synod a considerable debt, then resting on the Home, has been liquidated, a barn built at an expense of over \$2,000, certain other improvements made, and our large family of orphans well supported. We have at present no debt. Several legacies, varying from \$100 to \$2,000, were received.

On January 14, 1886, Rev. Daniel B. Albright, the faithful Superintendent of this Home for a period of seventeen years and five months, resigned. On February 11, 1886, Rev. Thos. M. Yundt of Wyandotte, Kansas, was chosen his successor, who took charge of the Home, April first of the same year.

The Board of Managers having for some time felt that the ladies of the church, to whom the care of the orphans especially appeals, should have a more direct influence in the general management of our Home, some time ago appointed a "Ladies' Visiting and Advisory Committee," composed of prominent ladies in different parts of the church. This committee has done faithful work and, what was begun as an experiment, has proved of great practical benefit.

We have at present seventy children in the Home. With those for whom application has been made and those who have been admitted by the board, but are not yet with us, our number will probably soon be increased to eighty. The average cost of support is about \$100 a year per child. The farm is productive, and is made to do its share towards the support of our family.

Our school session lasts nine and a half months per year. We lay stress principally upon the elementary branches, but where a boy or girl shows special aptitude in study we are also prepared to supply their wants.

We have services every morning in the German language, in the evening in the English language, church and Sunday-school on Sunday, also regular instruction in the Heidelberg Catechism.

Seven orphans were confirmed during the past three years, and became members of the Bethany congregation; at the coming Whitsuntide we hope to confirm fourteen more.

Our hearts are full of gratitude to God for His continued and bountiful blessings upon our work, and the board herewith returns its heartfelt thanks to the good people of the church who have so faithfully ministered unto the wants of

the orphans, feeling assured that the gifts which they have given to the Home in faith will be blessed of God and will bring forth fruit in the future as they have in the past.

Respectfully submitted.

THOS. M. YUNDT,
Secretary.

3. *Report of Board of St. Paul's Orphans' Home.*

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—In behalf of the Board of Directors I would lay before you something of the condition of St. Paul's Orphans' Home, at Butler, Pa., and ask through you for the sympathy, prayers and support of the church at large.

The Home is located in one of the most beautiful and healthy spots in this country. So home-like has the institution become and so commendable has been the management that the state in which it is located, and the district synod under whose immediate care it is, have become justly proud of it. A number of the church orphans are also soldiers' orphans, and therefore our Home comes under the inspection of the State Inspector of Orphans' Homes in Pennsylvania. In his late report to Governor Beaver, the inspector, General Wagner, said that St. Paul's Home was the only one in the state—in which soldiers' children are admitted—which he could mark as No. 1.

There are now eighty children in the Home, and they come from all sections of the church. The demand for admissions has become so great that we have had to enlarge our buildings, increasing thereby our indebtedness. But the enlargement has greatly increased our sphere of usefulness. The church is doing a grand work in maintaining such a Home as St. Paul's, and we call for an increase of liberality on the part of the church's membership.

Very truly yours,

WM. E. SCHMERTZ,
President of Board.

4. *Report of Board of Orphans' Home at Fort Wayne.*

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—The Board of the Reformed Orphans' Home near Ft. Wayne, Ind., instructed its president, the undersigned, to present to your reverend body

a report on this part of our church work, and ask for your prayers and assistance in this work of Christian love committed to our hands. In the year of our Lord 1884, the new building, so much needed, was completed and occupied, and solemnly dedicated for its holy use in October of said year. Then we had 15 orphans in our Home, now we have 44. The Lord has graciously prospered our work, so that we are fully justified in calling it a grand success. At the close of our financial year in 1884, the liabilities of our Home were \$9,230.50; now they amount to \$3,905.50. Considering the improvements made on the farm (57 acres), the increase in live stock and in the outfit of the Home, we feel constrained to praise the Lord for His bountiful blessings bestowed on our dear Home.

The Lord made our dear brother Rev. John Rettig and his wife willing to take care of our Home, and has graciously spared their lives and gave them grace and strength to be loving parents to these homeless ones. The dear children cling to these their foster-parents with the deepest affection, and are well provided for in every respect. They are well kept in food and clothing, and also in the needs of their souls and spiritual wants. The children are taught the German and English branches of our common school course, and are as a family also a Reformed congregation, and brought up in the doctrine of our Christian faith, according to the Heidelberg Catechism. This year, for the first time, 10 of them will be received into full membership of the church by the rite of confirmation. Great pain is taken that all the orphans will be able to read, write and speak both the German and English languages.

Our Home is situated about one and a half miles from the city limits. The new building is erected on a beautiful hill, in the rear of which is a pleasant grove, and can accommodate some 50 orphans. The surroundings have been greatly improved by shrubbery, shade trees, flower beds and gravel walks; and the farm is in an excellent state of cultivation, and gives a very desirable opportunity to the boys for bodily labor, whilst the girls help in the housework.

The property now represents a value of no less than \$25,000. The Home is incorporated according to the laws of the State of Indiana, and is governed by the board elected by the

two German synods of the west (the Central and the Synod of the Northwest), and has enjoyed the Christian liberality of the citizens of Ft. Wayne and the church at large, for which we are thankful to the Lord and His people.

The present officers are: Rev. J. H. Klein, President; Rev. C. Schaaf, Secretary; Rev. C. F. Kriete, Treasurer, and Rev. John Rettig, Haus Vater, (superintendent), who also constitute the executive committee to carry on the work during the synodical year, being authorized to receive new orphans and manage the affairs of the institution in its financial transactions.

Asking for the prayers and co-operation of the church, we commend this holy work to your kind consideration.

By order of the board.

JOHN. H. KLEIN, *President.*

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHANS' HOMES.

The Standing Committee on Orphans' Homes, submitted their report, which was received, and, together with the preceding reports, adopted:

The following papers have been referred to your committee:

a.) Report of the Board of Managers of Bethany Orphans' Home, Womelsdorf, Pa.

b.) Report of St. Paul's Orphans' Home, Butler, Pa.

c.) Report of Orphans' Home, at Ft. Wayne, Ind.

These reports speak for themselves. The evidence which they give of the Divine blessing should call forth our heartfelt thanks. The ability displayed in the management of these Homes, the response of the church to appeals for help, and the care and devotion shown by the Superintendents and Haus Vater for the temporal and spiritual welfare of the orphans committed to their charge, are worthy of our warmest commendation.

It is gratifying to see the fulfillment of our Redeemer's words, "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God." We respectfully submit the following resolutions:

First, That the Orphans' Homes be and hereby are, commended to the liberality of the church.

Second, That we commend the Orphan Homes of the church as worthy of being remembered in the bequests of those who desire in this way to express their love for our Redeemer and for humanity.

Third, That we request our pastors to make known to their congregations the facts communicated in the above reports.

It becomes necessary to fill the vacancies in the Board of Directors by this synod, caused by the expiration of the term of Elder Wm. F. Hoffman and by the death of Elder Wm. D. Gross.

Respectfully submitted.

ELLIS N. KREMER.

Chairman.

III. ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ORPHANS' HOMES.

Members whose term expires May, 1890.

Rev. Charles F. McCauley, D. D., Elder Andrew H. Baughman.

Members whose term expires May, 1893.

Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D., Mr. Christian G. Gross.

Member whose term expires May, 1896.

Elder William F. Hoffman.

IV. SOCIETY FOR RELIEF OF MINISTERS, &C.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the afternoon session on Saturday, reported in item 16 that a communication was received from the President of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church, together with 22 copies of the charter and by-laws of the society.

Thereupon, on motion, it was

Resolved, That this communication be embodied in the printed minutes, and that said society be and hereby is commended to the synods, classes and congregations of the church, with the request that a collection be taken for the use of the society in the month of September.

The following is the communication referred to in the foregoing action :

To the Reverend General Synod of the Reformed Church.

BELoved FATHERS AND BRETHREN IN THE LORD :—The undersigned would respectfully present to your reverend body the

following statement, and call your prayerful consideration to the nature and needs of "The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States."

This, the oldest charitable institution of our church, was organized in the latter part of the last century, and consequently is nearly or altogether one hundred years old. It was chartered by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania about twenty years later, in 1810. The original charter limited the benefactions of the Society to the widows of such ministers as were members of the Society at the time of their death, and confined the privilege of membership to ministers who were citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This charter was supplemented by an Enabling Act of the Pennsylvania Legislature, in 1865. The supplemental act of the Legislature just referred to, enlarged the powers of the Society, so as to enable it to receive as members ministers of our church who are residents of any of the other states or territories of the United States, and also to confer its benefits upon ministers themselves, members of the Society, in case they need relief, as well as to their widows; and likewise, in special cases, to the families of deceased ministers of our church, who may not have been members of the Society.

Originally, the annual income of the Society was by the charter limited to "the clear yearly value of five hundred pounds," Pennsylvania currency; now the limit is ten thousand dollars, United States currency—a sum, it is believed, sufficiently large for many years to come.

The design of the Society is to assist ministers' widows and their families when in need, and also disabled and superannuated ministers themselves, who are members of the society, and whose pecuniary resources are inadequate to afford them a living, when no longer able to labor. Consequently, the Society can and does now afford and grant help to three classes of members of the Reformed Church, to wit:

1. To the widows and families of deceased members of the Society who are in straitened circumstances.
2. To the widow and family of any deceased minister of our church, whether he was ever a member of the Society or not, if really needing assistance.
3. To disabled ministers themselves, who are members of

the Society, and require pecuniary aid. At the present time the Society is extending help to individuals belonging to all three of these classes or divisions of annuitants. Nearly one-half of the widows of ministers receiving aid, are the widows of ministers that did not hold membership in the Society in their life-time, so that the benefactions of the Society are not restricted to the members of the Society. A number of widows, whose husbands were life-members, are not on our roll or list of pensioners or annuitants, because their circumstances in life fortunately do not render it necessary for them to be such. In order for anyone to receive aid, it is necessary to be in actual need. The Society, in asking to afford help, knows neither English or German, east or west, north or south, in our church relationship.

The Society is composed of two classes of members, namely, annual contributing members, and life-members. By the payment of an initiation fee of five dollars, and thereafter annually of three dollars, a minister of our church becomes a contributing member. A minister is made a *life-member* by the payment of sixty-five dollars. This amount may be paid at one time or in several installments, as may best suit the individual's convenience. Let it, however, be remembered, that the widows and families of life-members have no priority over those of the other class, as far as receiving aid from the Society is concerned.

The sources of the Society's income are: 1. The interest accruing from the invested funds. 2. Moneys paid into the treasury in the way of fees. 3. Gifts from individuals, and collections taken up in their congregations by pastors. And 4. Legacies. The main reliance of the Society has been the invested funds, and the collections especially lifted in the churches from year to year. If these last were only general throughout the entire Reformed Church, the Society could respond favorably to all proper demands for assistance.

The number of applicants for help is annually increasing, as our branch of the Church Catholic grows numerically. This increase of applications has been more rapid of late years than has been the increase of our funds, available for the purpose, so that the Society is compelled reluctantly to refuse help in cases that have been altogether deserving,

inasmuch as the funds have not been supplied by the pastors of the church and the friends of the cause.

The management of the affairs of the Society is without expense. Although the treasurer has given heavy bond for the faithful discharge of the duties of the office, he receives no salary or compensation whatever, for his services as treasurer.

It is sometimes charged that the amount annually paid to worthy annuitants is comparatively small, and ought to be much larger. But whose fault is it that such happens to be the case? Certainly not the society's, because it can only distribute what it has first received. It is freely acknowledged that the amounts paid hitherto by the Society, although as large as the available funds warranted, have been inadequate in many cases, and were shamefully small; not more than fifty dollars in any case for the year, and in numerous instances even considerably less than the sum just named.

It is a sad and painful truth, that there is not a denomination in this wide land of ours, of anything like the numerical strength and financial ability of the Reformed Church that makes such a miserable and niggardly provision for its worn-out and disabled ministry, who are poor and without the means to live, and the dependent widows and children of deceased ministers.

In conclusion, we plead not for large invested funds for the Society, the interest of which may go annually to the relief of destitute ministers who are no longer able to labor in the Lord's vineyard, knowing as we do, that invested funds have often been lost by unfaithful stewards or otherwise, and believing that the coming generation in our church will be abundantly able and quite competent to provide for and take care of its own poor and destitute ministers and their families, but we do humbly implore and beg for funds to supply the wants of those who are still with us, and who now need and claim our succor and help, and, if not now assisted in their straitened circumstances, will soon be in their graves, and so be beyond our feeble assistance.

Twenty-five copies of the Charter, Enabling Act, and By-Laws of the Society recently published in neat pamphlet form, will be mailed together with this communication, for

distribution to such as may desire them. The charter rights and privileges, it will be observed, are large and liberal.

Finally, it is suggested that the General Synod order collections to be lifted in all congregations of our church for the use and benefit of the Society, during next September, or at an earlier date, as your reverend body shall deem best, so that the Lord's poor, disabled and destitute in our ministerial ranks, as well as also the needy widows and families of such as have been called hence, may be mercifully succored.

In behalf of the Society and the Lord's suffering poor, I remain,
Yours fraternally in Christ,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *President*.

MERCERSBURG, PA., June 1, 1887.

ARTICLE XV.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of the Ohio Synod, during the evening session on Monday, reported in item 4 that said synod overtured the General Synod, 1,) To create a Board of Sunday-schools of the General Synod, and 2,) That Sunday-school helps and services be provided for use in our Sunday-schools throughout the entire Reformed Church. The subject matter of this whole item was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Calvin S. Gerhard, Samuel Z. Beam, Charles F. Kriete, and Elders John R. Wetherell and Goldsborough S. Griffith.

This committee, during the evening session on Tuesday, submitted their report, which was received, and as slightly amended adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee to whom was referred the action of this synod on the overture of the Ohio Synod, calling first for the creation of a General Sunday-school Board, and secondly that Sunday-school helps and services be provided for use in our Sunday-schools throughout the entire Reformed Church, respectfully report:

I. As to the first item:

1. That a General Sunday-school Board be created by the General Synod, consisting of ten members, two from each of the three largest synods, viz: the Synod in the United States,

the Synod of Ohio and the Synod of the Potomac, and one from each of the remaining three synods.

2. That the following named persons constitute said board until the meeting of the next General Synod, at which time the board shall be elected by ballot: Revs. Calvin S. Gerhard*, James I. Good, Dr. J. Spangler Kieffer, Conrad Clever, David B. Lady, Edwin R. Williard, Alpheus E. Baichly, Augustus E. F. Schade, Charles F. Kriete and Abr. Emil Dahlman.

3. That this board shall have the general supervision and management of the Sunday-school interests of the Reformed Church in the United States.

II. As to the second item we recommend:

1. That this board be instructed to prepare annually a Christmas Day service and a Children's Day service in the English and the German language.

2. That the district synods take such action as will enable the General Board to issue for the use of the whole church, an Instructor for teachers, Lesson Helps for schools, and Sunday-school papers, in English and German, without however, requiring that the one shall be a translation of the other; the benefits of the publications to be distributed among the publication houses, by having the publications issued from each of them as at present.

Respectfully submitted.

CALVIN S. GERHARD,
SAMUEL Z. BEAM,
CHARLES F. KRIETE,
JOHN R. WETHERELL,
GOLDSBORO. S. GRIFFITH.

Committee.

On motion, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That we recognize in the several State Sunday-school Associations, and in the International Sunday-school Association, institutions of great benefit to the general Sunday-school cause, and we hereby recommend to our pastors, churches and Sunday-school workers to avail themselves of proper representation in the meetings of these associations,

*He was appointed by action of General Synod.

believing that they will obtain new inspiration and find greater stimulus in attending these meetings.

During the morning session on Friday, it was, on motion, *Resolved*, That this General Synod, through its stated clerk, send by telegram its fraternal greeting to the International Sunday-school Convention now in session at Chicago.

Accordingly the following telegram was sent:

"To the International Sunday-school Convention, Battery D Armory, Chicago, Illinois.

The General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States sends greeting, with Hebrews 13:20, 21.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk*.

AKRON, OHIO, June 3, 1887."

CHILDREN'S DAY ESTABLISHED.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of the Synod in the United States, during the afternoon session on Thursday, reported in item 5 that said synod overtured General Synod to set apart the third Sunday in June as Children's Day to be observed by the whole church.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of the Ohio Synod, during the evening session on Monday, reported in item 3 that said synod overtured General Synod to establish a Children's Day for the entire church, and suggested the first Sunday, or first two Sundays, in September as the most suitable time for such services.

These items were adopted, and the overtures were referred to a special committee, consisting of one member from each synod, namely:

Rev. Harry M. Kieffer, Synod of the United States.

" George H. Souder, " " Ohio.

" Dr. Herman A. Muehlmeier, Synod of the Northwest.

Elder William E. Schmertz, Synod of Pittsburgh.

" Peter W. Shafer, Synod of Potomac.

" John Berge, German Synod of East.

Rev. John G. Kuhl, Central Synod.

This committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee to whom were referred the request of the

Synod of the United States for the appointment of a Sunday in the month of June as "Children's Day," and a similar request of the Synod of Ohio for the appointment of a day in the month of September for the same purpose, begs leave to report:

That after due consultation and consideration we are of the belief that the same Sunday can not well be fixed upon as "Children's Day" for the church both East and West without more or less disadvantage to one section or the other, we therefore submit the following resolutions for your adoption:

Resolved, That the second Sunday in June and the second Sunday in September be appointed Children's Days, and that our pastors and congregations be requested through their respective classes, to observe one or the other of these days according to their preference.

Resolved, That the Sunday-school Board created by this Synod be requested to take this subject of Children's Day under its supervision. H. M. KIEFFER, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of the English Classes, during the morning session on Monday, reported in item 8 that an appeal was taken by Miami Classis from a certain action of the Ohio Synod to the General Synod, and that Revs. Dr. I. H. Reiter, D. R. Taylor and J. B. Henry were appointed as counsel to defend said classis before the General Synod. On motion, it was

Resolved, That this appeal, together with the papers relating thereto, be referred to a special committee to examine whether it is in order, and if found in order to report the manner in which it is to be considered before this body.

The committee, as appointed, consists of Revs. Jonathan E. Hiester, D. D., John W. Pontius, Thomas F. Stauffer and

Elders Wm. W. Sweisfort and Wm. H. Seibert. This committee, during the morning session on Wednesday, submitted their report, which was received and adopted:

The committee on the Appeal of Miami Classis against Ohio Synod respectfully submit the following report:

1. That they have carefully examined the official documents which have been placed in their hands and find that the appeal is regular and in order.

2. We recommend that this case of appeal be heard tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.

3. That the following order for hearing be adopted:

a.) That twenty minutes be allowed the appellant.

b.) That twenty minutes be allowed the appellee.

c. That ten minutes be granted to the appellant to reply to the appellee.

Respectfully submitted.

JONATHAN E. HIESTER,

Chairman.

At the time proposed in the report, the appeal was taken up and considered. The papers in the case were read. The appellant (Miami Classis) was heard through its counsel, Revs. I. H. Reiter, D. D., J. B. Henry and Elder C. M. Boush; and the appellee (the Ohio Synod) was heard in reply by its counsel, Revs. G. W. Williard, S. B. Yockey and J. M. Kendrick. The General Synod then proceeded to vote in the case by yeas and nays, and the appeal was sustained by 79 yeas to 10 nays, 3 non-liquits and 4 were excused from voting, as follows:

YEAS. *Ministers.*—H. M. Kieffer, T. O. Stem, Dr. J. E. Hiester, Dr. F. W. Kremer, J. H. Pannebecker, J. P. Stein, J. A. Peters, W. G. Engle, S. S. Kohler, W. A. Haas, Z. A. Yearick, Dr. A. B. Koplín, B. B. Ferer, N. S. Strassburger, H. A. Keyser, Dr. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. S. Fouse, A. K. Zartman, T. F. Stauffer, R. L. Gerhart, C. F. Kriete, Dr. H. A. Muehlmeier, P. Joeris, G. Loos, C. Baum, A. E. Truxal, S. Z. Beam, J. M. Schick, J. M. Evans, H. D. Darbaker, Dr. I. S. Weisz, F. F. Bahner, C. Cort, Dr. S. N. Callender, B. R. Carnahan, Dr. G. W. Welker, J. C. Bowman, D. N. Dittmar, J. M. Mick-

ly, F. A. Rupley, J. F. Busche, M. Heinze, Dr. N. Gehr, M. Bachman, H. Nau, Dr. J. Dahlman, F. Strassner, J. Bachman, J. G. Kuhl.

Elders.—E. B. Shuey, L. J. Groh, H. C. Hoover, W. W. Sweisfort, A. Schwenk, W. H. Seibert, S. Cooper, J. Rossman, J. T. Reber, D. Shepp, P. Herbruck, R. Bell, J. R. Wetherell, J. H. Brown, H. Preefer, W. Stienecker, P. J. Shoemaker, H. H. Grady, B. Seitz, P. W. Shafer, F. A. Daihl, H. Lady, J. A. Mowry, G. M. Ehrlen, C. Roth, J. S. Zimmerman, J. G. Raiser, E. Gerkins, J. Kling and Henry Schroer.—79.

NAYS. *Ministers.*—O. H. Strunck, F. J. Sauerber, Dr. W. Rupp, E. N. Kremer, J. H. Stepler, P. Ruhl.

Elders.—D. Keller, W. Dice, R. Boerger, and J. Berge.—10.

NON-LIQUITS. *Ministers.*—J. B. Shontz, Dr. P. Greding and Dr. H. J. Ruetenik.—3.

EXCUSED FROM VOTING. *Ministers.*—Dr. J. H. A. Bombergger, Dr. G. Wolff. *Elders.*—A. H. Baughman and C. M. Boush.—4.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the afternoon session on Saturday, reported in item 14, *a*,) that Rev. Wm. Hansen asked General Synod to take his complaint against the *Reformirte Kirchenzeitung* and the Synod of the Northwest from the table, and do him justice; *b*,) that he reports the founding of a home for orphans and for the aged, and recommends them to the attention of General Synod; and *c*,) by-laws of the association managing the same. This item, including all the sub-items, was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. Nicholas Gehr, Charles F. Kriete and Elder John Berge. This committee, during the afternoon session on Wednesday, submitted their report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee on the complaint of Rev. William Hansen, beg leave to report, that two letters from the complainant were placed in their hands, the one asking General Synod to direct the Synod of the Northwest to take his complaint from the table and to do him justice; but, as no statement of the complaint itself, nor of the reasons of the action of Synod of the Northwest were received, your committee is not able to form a correct opinion, nor to propose any action in regard to this point.

From the second letter it appears that the Rev. William Hansen and a number of his friends have several years ago founded an Orphans' Home, also a Home for Aged Persons, which institutions are maintained by contributions of private individuals, and deeded to the Reformed Church forever. In reference to this item your committee recommend the following action, to wit:

Resolved, That this synod rejoices over the fact that the spirit of benevolence and efforts for the amelioration of the condition of suffering humanity are steadily increasing in our midst, and that we invoke on the Orphans' Home and Home for Aged Persons, established by our people in the city of Detroit, God's blessing and wish it continued prosperity.

Respectfully submitted,

NICHOLAS GEHR,
Chairman.

ARTICLE XVIII.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF CONSTITUTION.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of the General Synod, during the afternoon session on Friday, reported in item 10 that a committee was appointed on the revision of the constitution or organic law of the Reformed Church, with instructions to report to the next triennial meeting of the General Synod.

Thereupon the committee submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on the Revision of the Constitution of the Church begs leave to report as follows:

At the meeting of the General Synod held in Baltimore, May, 1884, the following resolution was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That a committee on the constitution or organic law of the Reformed Church be appointed, consisting of seven members, five ministers and two elders, one member from each synod, to which shall be referred: 1. The draft of a new constitution, printed in the proceedings of the General Synod of 1881. 2. The deliverance of the classes on the aforesaid draft as reported to this body. 3. The deliverance of the several synods as given in their published proceedings, with instructions to consider the whole subject, and report to the next triennial meeting of the General Synod, a revision of our organic law embodying as far as shall be consistent with their judgment, the deliverances of the classes and the synods.

The committee consists of Revs. Dr. Samuel N. Callender, N. S. Strassburger, Dr. James Bossard, Dr. Jacob Dahlman, Dr. John B. Kniest, Elders Christian M. Boush, Esq., and Nelson L. Brewer, Esq.

Your committee held its first meeting before leaving Baltimore upon the occasion of its appointment, and formally organized by the appointment of Rev. Dr. S. N. Callender, Chairman, and Rev. N. S. Strassburger, Secretary, and adjourned to meet September 9, 1884, in Meadville, Crawford County, Pa.

Agreeably to adjournment your committee met in Meadville, Pa., at the date specified. It found in its hands the documents and deliverances of classes and the synods, placed there by the action of the General Synod. There were in attendance five members of the committee, who with prayer for divine guidance, entered upon the labors committed to its hands. After familiarizing itself with the instructions given it, and calling to its aid such helps as the late action of other branches of the church of Christ afforded, for four days and evenings, the committee in the use of its most earnest and

solemn endeavors, sought to accomplish its work upon the lines and in the spirit indicated by this reverend body.

Agreeably to the call of the chairman, a third meeting was held in Akron, Ohio, August 4, 1885, which continued its sessions for one week. During this third meeting all the members of the committee took earnest part, except Rev. Dr. Jas. Bossard, who, in the interval between the last two meetings, it pleased the Father in heaven to call to himself by death. Your committee proceeded to revise the portion of of the constitution not yet passed over. After it had passed over the whole, it betook itself to the re-revision of the part passed over at the Meadville meeting, and also in a general way the work done at the earlier days of the Akron meeting.

Your committee felt itself happy in having such clear instructions from this body, so that it was enabled to do its work with a delightful measure of concord and unanimity. The committee was aware of the desire of the whole church for the consummation of this revision after which it had been laboring for the last several years, and it sought in the use of all the resources at its command, with earnest prayer and careful consideration, to spare no pains to reach the desired end. Your committee now begs to submit to your reverend body the result of its care and labor, in the hope, that while not free from imperfections, it may be found to be of such character as will secure your favorable consideration and approval.

At the meeting at Akron, after the revision had been completed, a sub-committee of three, consisting of Revs. Kniest, Dahlman, and Elder Boush, was appointed to translate the revision into the German language, and to have it published for the use of this body. The secretary of the committee was directed to have it published in the English language, and these printed copies are herewith submitted to the disposition of your body.

Before adjournment, the committee resolved to meet finally in Akron, upon the occasion of the meeting of this General Synod.

All the traveling expenses of the members of the committee, and other charges incident to printing, translating, post-

age, &c., were paid by the treasurer of General Synod, except the bill for printing the German copies, amounting to \$46.83, and the secretary's expenses to the present meeting, together with expressage, &c., amounting to \$28.14, which are hereby presented.

Respectfully submitted,

S. N. CALLENDER,
N. S. STRASSBURGER,
JACOB DAHLMAN,
J. B. KNIEST,
C. M. BOUSH,
N. L. BREWER.

Committee.

Along with the foregoing report, printed copies of the revised constitution in pamphlet form, both in the English and the German language, were distributed among the members of the Synod, to afford them an opportunity for personal examination.

On motion, the consideration of the proposed constitution was made the order of the day for Monday morning at ten o'clock, but when that time arrived, in order to make room for the transaction of other business, it was laid on the table for the present. Soon after the opening of the afternoon session on Monday, it was taken up for consideration. After some discussion, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the proposed new constitution be referred to a committee consisting of two members from each district synod, and that they report to this synod by Tuesday evening.

The committee as appointed is thus constituted:

Synod of Ohio:—Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., Elder Benjamin Kuhns.

Synod in the United States:—Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., Elder William Keller.

Synod of the Northwest:—Rev. Herman A. Muehlmeier, D. D., Rev. Henry M. Gersman.

Synod of Pittsburgh:—Rev. Albert E. Truxal, Elder William R. Barnhart.

Synod of the Potomac:—Rev. Cyrus Cort, Rev. J. Marion Mickly.

German Synod of the East:—Rev. Nicholas Gehr, D. D.,
Rev. Marcus Bachman.

Central Synod:—Rev. John Bachman, Elder John Kling.

This committee, at the appointed time, submitted their report, which was received and as amended adopted:

Your committee to whom was referred the proposed constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States, submit the following:

Your committee realized the important and responsible work assigned them, and prayerfully entered upon the same, resolved to consider the whole constitution article by article, and to make as few verbal changes as possible.

A free and unrestrained expression of opinion was given by each member upon every article to which the least objection was raised. In truth as careful consideration was given to the whole subject as the time allotted us permitted.

We are happy to announce that with great unanimity we agreed upon the amendments which we propose, effecting only eighteen articles, of which the following is the list:

In Article 5, third line from bottom, substitute *constant* for *regular*; and in the next line after the word *shall*, strike out *at least once a year* and substitute *regularly*.

In Article 12, at the end of the first sentence, strike out *or congregations*; and add to the article after the word *completed* the following: "And if a congregation shall withdraw from connection with the Reformed Church in the United States the official character of its consistory and trustees shall immediately cease and the classis to which it belonged shall succeed to all the rights, powers and prerogatives of the trustees, touching the property real and personal.

In Article 17 in the fourth line after the word *classis* insert, *or its executive committee*. Strike out all after the word *any* in the third line from the end and substitute: "Classis refuse to confirm a call unless there be strong reasons for so doing."

In Article 20, make the first sentence read as follows: "A minister shall not officiate in the charge of another pastor without his consent."

In Article 27 in second line strike out after the words elect-

ed to a professorship, and insert *and inaugurated as a professor*; and at the end of the article strike out the words *and duly inaugurated*.

In Article 28, strike out all after the word *customs* in the fifth line to the end of the paragraph. In the second paragraph, second line, strike out the word *synods* and insert "body of recognized ministers or members of the Reformed Church in the United States." And at the end of the article insert "No theological seminary shall henceforth be established except by the authority of synod or synods."

In Article 29 in third line strike out the word *synods* and insert *body*.

In Article 32 substitute the word *body* in place of the word *synods* in the fourth and sixth line from the end of the article.

In Article 33 substitute the word *body* for the word *synods* in the sixth line, and in the third line from the end after the word *visitors* insert *or other proper officers*.

In Article 39 at the end of the second line insert in parenthesis (see Acts 6:1-6 and I. Tim. 3:8-13.)

In Article 51 next to last line substitute *and* for *or*.

In Article 81 in second line substitute *two* for *three*.

In Article 92 add to the end of it: "Subject to charter regulations.

Change Article 94 to read as follows: "Each synod shall give every necessary attention to the education of pious young men for the Gospel ministry, to the cause of church extension, and missions, both in the home and foreign field. Its missionary operations shall be under the authority and control of the boards of General Synod."

In Article 114 at the end of the first sentence add, *or institution*.

In Article 123, after the word *member* in the second line insert *of the Christian Church*.

In Article 125, in the third line, after the word *doctrine* insert, "give evidence of true repentance and faith."

In Article 133, in the fourth line, after the word *them* strike out *in their lives*, and insert "manifesting a purpose to lead a pious life."

We submit the following action for adoption:

Resolved, That the constitution be amended as proposed by your committee.

Resolved, That the constitution as amended be approved by this General Synod, and be sent to the classes for approval or rejection.

Respectfully submitted.

H. H. W. HIBSHMAN,
DAVID VAN HORNE,
H. A. MUEHLMEIER,
H. M. GERSMAN,
A. E. TRUXAL,
CYRUS CORT,
J. M. MICKLY.
N. GEHR,
M. BACHMAN,
J. BACHMAN,
WM. KELLER,
B. KUHNS,
W. R. BARNHART,
JOHN KLING.

Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That this constitution, as now revised and amended, be and hereby is approved by this General Synod, and referred to the classes for their approval or rejection.

Resolved, That it be printed in full in the Minutes of General Synod, (being as follows):

CONSTITUTION
OF
The Reformed Church
IN THE
UNITED STATES.

For the maintenance of truth and order in accordance with the Word of God, the Reformed Church in the United States ordains this Constitution to be her fundamental law for government, doctrine and cultus, and declares the same to have binding authority on all her members, congregations and courts.

MEMBERS.

ARTICLE 1. All baptized persons are members of the church, under its care and subject to its government and discipline.

Members.

ARTICLE 2. Persons received into the communion of the church by confirmation or on certificate, and not afterwards excluded from the Lord's Supper, are to be regarded as communicant members. They are entitled to all the rights and privileges of the church, and can be deprived of the same only by due process of discipline.

Communicant
members.

ARTICLE 3. Members of other branches of the Christian Church, in good and regular standing, may be received into the membership of the Reformed Church, on certificate of dismission. If, however, such a certificate cannot be procured, no moral impediment existing, they may be received by a renewal of their profession. This does not preclude the Spiritual Council from deciding in either case, whether they shall, or shall not be instructed in the fundamental truths of the Christian religion, as set forth in the Heidelberg Catechism.

Who may join the
congregation.

Members removing to obtain certificate of dismission.

ARTICLE 4. Members removing from one congregation to another shall obtain a certificate of dismission, and at the first opportunity, unite with the congregation into whose bounds they have moved. The Spiritual Council dismissing them shall immediately communicate the fact to the congregation to which they have been dismissed. Such certificate is valid only for one year from its date. Members dismissed are amenable to the congregation dismissing them, until they are received by another congregation; due notice of their reception shall immediately be given. The dismission of an elder or a deacon, terminates his active service in the congregation.

Dismission of an Elder or a Deacon.

Duties of members.

ARTICLE 5. It is the duty of church members to lead godly lives, to be watchful that their own infirmities bring no dishonor upon the Church of Christ, to be active in the extension of the church, to endeavor to bring others to the knowledge of Christ, to give special heed to the spiritual welfare of the members of their own families, and in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, bring them to, or retain them in, the church.

They shall obey the laws and rules of life prescribed in the Word of God and the constitution and enactments of the church, and shall in the measure as the Lord has blessed them assist the church by appropriating a sufficient portion of the means the Lord intrusted to them, for the support of the gospel and the kingdom of Christ. Every member shall be a constant worshiper at home, and in the house of God, and those confirmed shall regularly partake of the Lord's Supper.

CONGREGATIONS.

A congregation.

ARTICLE 6. A congregation of the Reformed Church is a body of Christian people receiving the Heidelberg Catechism as its standard of faith and doctrine, and organized agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution of the Church.

How constituted.

ARTICLE 7. Whenever a congregation is to be constituted, the church members, who are willing to enter into such organization, shall sign the following memorial addressed to classis.

"We, whose names are hereunto affixed, desiring to enjoy the holy ordinances of the Christian Church, do hereby petition the Classis of _____ to constitute us a congregation under the name of _____ congregation in the township (town or city) of _____ county of _____ and State of _____, and declare

our readiness to be governed by the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States.

(Date.)

[Signed.]

If the proposed organization be approved, classis shall appoint a committee to constitute the congregation, superintend the election for elders and deacons, and induct them into office. After the acts thus authorized shall have been performed, and then approved by classis, or its executive committee, the organization is a regular congregation of the Reformed Church in the United States.

ARTICLE 8. Every congregation immediately after its organization shall procure a charter, which shall constitute the Consistory the Board of Trustees. A copy of the proposed charter shall be submitted to classis for approval, before application is made to the civil authority.

Shall procure a charter.

ARTICLE 9. Every congregation shall adopt a constitution for itself, defining the rights and duties of members and officers, which, however, shall be in accordance with its charter and the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Adopt a constitution.

ARTICLE 10. A congregation belonging to a pastoral charge shall not withdraw therefrom, without the consent of classis. The common interests of the congregations constituting a charge are committed to a *Joint Consistory*, composed of the members of the consistories of the several congregations.

Not withdraw from pastoral charge.

ARTICLE 11. To the Trustees are committed the care and control of the property of the congregation, whether real or movable, moneys or legacies. They are to hold the property as a sacred trust for the congregation; keep the edifice in proper repair, and not allow it to be used for secular or improper purposes. In matters of a general nature, such as the purchasing, or selling of property, the borrowing of money, and remodelling, or erection of buildings, the Board of Trustees can determine nothing finally, but to give their acts binding force, they must have the consent of a majority of the members assembled at a meeting called for the purpose, of which at least two weeks' previous notice shall have been given from the pulpit.

Trustees, their rights and duties.

ARTICLE 12. If a congregation becomes extinct, the classis with which it was connected shall have jurisdiction over its members, and transfer them to another congregation. It shall, also, determine any case of discipline begun by its Spiritual Council and not com-

Members of extinct congregations.

pleted. And if a congregation shall withdraw from connection with the Reformed Church in the United States, the official character of its consistory and trustees shall immediately cease, and the classis to which it belonged shall succeed to all the rights, powers and prerogatives of the trustees touching the property, real and personal.

DOCTRINE.

Doctrine estab-
lished.

ARTICLE 13. The Holy Scriptures of the Old and the New Testaments, which are called canonical, being recognized as genuine and inspired, are received as the true and proper Word of God, and the ultimate rule and measure of the whole Christian faith and doctrine.

Catechism.

ARTICLE 14. The Heidelberg Catechism is the only book received as an authoritative expression of the truths taught in the Holy Scriptures, and acknowledged to be the standard of doctrine in the Reformed Church in the United States.

CHURCH OFFICES.

Church offices.

ARTICLE 15. The offices of the Reformed Church are :

- (1) The office of Minister of the Word.
- (2) The office of Professor of Theology.
- (3) The office of Elder.
- (4) The office of Deacon.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD.

Ministers, who are.

ARTICLE 16. A Minister of the Word is a member of the Church, called of Christ, and by the laying on of hands and prayer ordained and consecrated to the ministry of reconciliation, to preach the gospel, dispense the holy sacraments, administer Christian discipline, and to be set apart to the service of Christ in his Church.

Call of a Minister.

ARTICLE 17. A minister, receiving a call from a charge, shall before moving into it, and before performing any pastoral duties in it, present said call together with his consent to accept it to classis or its executive committee for consideration; and if confirmed, classis shall provide for his installation. No call, however, shall be confirmed, unless classis is satisfied that proper provision has therein been made for the support of the pastor; nor shall any classis refuse to confirm a call, unless there be strong reasons for so doing.

Confirmation by
Classis.

Records and
Church Register,
what to contain.

ARTICLE 18. Every pastor shall keep in a book provided for the purpose, which shall be a part of the records of the congregation, a complete Church Register of all

baptisms, confirmations, communicants, receptions on certificate, renewals of profession, dismissions, erasure of names, suspensions, depositions from office, excommunications, marriages, and deaths.

ARTICLE 19. Every pastor shall reside within the bounds of his charge. He shall, also, at least ten days before the annual meeting of the classis to which his charge belongs, furnish its stated clerk with the credentials of elders, *primarius* and *secundus*, elected to represent the charge; and if synod meet in convention, he shall, at least ten days before its sessions begin, furnish the stated clerk thereof with the credentials of the elders, *primarius* and *secundus*, elected to represent the charge.

ARTICLE 20. A minister shall not officiate in the charge of another without his consent; nor shall he either statedly, or from time to time, serve a vacant congregation, or charge, by preaching, or administering ordinances, without the consent of classis, or its executive committee. He shall be a member of that classis within whose bounds he resides.

ARTICLE 21. A minister is bound to continue in the service of the sanctuary as long as he lives. He is not permitted to devote himself to a secular calling without the consent of classis. A call to labor in the educational, or other direct service of the church, shall not be regarded as a secular vocation.

ARTICLE 22. If a minister, not otherwise chargeable with an offense, renounces the jurisdiction of this church by joining another denomination not deemed heretical, without a regular certificate of dismissal, classis shall record the fact, and erase his name from the roll. If charges are pending against him, he may be tried thereon. If, however, it appears that he has joined another denomination deemed heretical, abandoned the ministry, or declared himself independent, he may be suspended, deposed, or excommunicated.

ARTICLE 23. A minister, though compelled by age or infirmity to retire from the active duties of the ministry, still retains a seat and vote in his classis and the synods, and the right to perform ministerial acts, within the restrictions specified in Article 20 of this constitution.

ARTICLE 24. A minister from another ecclesiastical body shall present a regular certificate of dismissal, and may be examined as to his orthodoxy and the purity of his intentions. If the application is approved, he may, upon signing the formula prescribed for licentiates, be

Pastor, where to reside.

Credentials of delegates.

Ministers not to officiate without permission.

Where to hold membership.

Ministers to remain in the service of the sanctuary.

If leaving the church, to be disciplined.

Of retired ministers.

Admission of ministers from other denominations.

Resignation of a pastor, to be acted on by the Consistory, referred to classis.

admitted to the church by a vote of two-thirds of classis.

ARTICLE 25. A pastor, desiring to resign his charge, shall lay his resignation before the Consistory, or the Joint Consistory, who shall take early action on it. The resignation and the consequent action of the consistory or joint consistory shall be laid before classis. He shall neither leave his charge, nor accept a call from another, until his resignation has been approved and his pastoral relation dissolved by classis. A pastoral relation, however, shall not be dissolved, unless all arrearages to the pastor are paid, or arrangements for their payment satisfactory to classis have been made.

Arrearages to the pastor to be paid.

Dismissal annuls appointments.

ARTICLE 26. The dismissal of a minister by one classis to another annuls his appointment to be a member of a committee, and his election to be a delegate to a synod, or the General Synod.

PROFESSORS OF THEOLOGY.

Professor of Theology.

ARTICLE 27. A Professor of Theology is a Minister of the Word, who has been elected and inaugurated as a professor in a theological institution of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Who eligible.

ARTICLE 28. No person shall be elected a professor of theology whose views are not in accord with the faith and doctrines of the Reformed Church, and who does not approve its mode of government, forms of worship, and distinctive customs.

How to be elected.

He shall always be chosen by a vote of two-thirds of the synod or body of recognized ministers or members of the Reformed Church in the United States, to whose jurisdiction the seminary is subject. One or more days shall intervene between the time of making the nomination, or nominations, and holding the election. No theological seminary shall henceforth be established except by the authority of a synod or synods.

How inaugurated.

ARTICLE 29. Before a professor of theology enters upon the duties of his office, he shall be inaugurated under the direction of the synod, or body, by which he was chosen. At his inauguration, he shall solemnly affirm the following declaration, as by an oath in the presence of God, in a public assembly:

“You, N—— N——, Professor-elect of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States, at —— ——, acknowledge sincerely before God and this assembly, that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, which are called canonical Scriptures, are genuine, authentic, inspired, and therefore divine

Scriptures; that they contain all things which relate to the faith, the practice, and hope of the righteous, and are the only rule of faith and practice in the Church of God; that, consequently, no traditions, as they are called, and no mere conclusions of reason, which are contrary to the clear testimony of these Scriptures, can be received as rules of faith or of life. You acknowledge, further, that the doctrine contained in the Heidelberg Catechism is in accordance with the doctrine of the Holy Scriptures. You declare sincerely, that, in the office you are about to assume, you will make the Divine authority of the Holy Scriptures, and the truth of the doctrine contained in the Heidelberg Catechism, the basis of all your instructions, and faithfully maintain and defend the same in your preaching and writing, as well as in your instructions. You declare, finally, that you will labor, according to the ability which God may grant you, that with the divine blessing, the students intrusted to your care may become enlightened, pious, faithful and zealous ministers of the gospel, who shall be sound in the faith."

ARTICLE 30. Professors of theology shall explain the Holy Scriptures and defend the pure doctrine of the gospel against errors. In their instructions to theological students, it shall be their principle aim to make them well acquainted with the true sense of the sacred Scriptures, and prepare them to preach the gospel with power and effect. In this service they are severally required to instruct the students in Exegetical, Historical, Dogmatic, and Practical Theology.

Duties of Professors of Theology.

ARTICLE 31. A professor of theology continues in office during his life, unless he becomes disqualified for its duties by falling into heterodoxy or vice, or by physical or mental infirmities.

To continue in office, unless.

ARTICLE 32. Should four ministers and four elders of the church present to the Board of Visitors a document asserting that for a cause or causes named in Article 31 of this constitution, a professor of theology is disqualified for his office, said board shall institute a careful examination, and if the charge be well founded, it shall refer the matter to the synod or body, under whose authority the professor holds his office, for revision and final disposition. And the synod or body, shall institute an investigation, and after mature inquiry, decide as the honor of religion, the welfare of the church, and justice towards the professor may require.

How to be impeached.

To be pensioned.

ARTICLE 33. A professor of theology, who has spent his best days in this office, and has been rendered incapable of further service by infirmities, shall not be displaced without having such provision made for his support as his necessities may require, and the synod or body, may be able to make. A professor, desiring to resign his office, shall notify in writing the President of the Board of Visitors, or other proper officers, of his intention at least six months before his resignation is to take effect.

How to resign.

ELDERS AND DEACONS.

Elder.

ARTICLE 34. An elder is a member chosen by a congregation to assist and support the pastor in the spiritual affairs of the church, and ordained to his office by the pastor by the laying on of hands and prayer. He shall remain in active service, until his successor is inducted into office.

How elected.

ARTICLE 35. Elders are to be elected by a majority of the votes polled, and may from time to time be re-elected. Their number in a congregation, and their term of office, shall be determined by the constitution of the congregation. When elected for the first time, they shall be publicly ordained to their office. After their ordination, they with those who may have been re-elected, shall be installed.

To be ordained
and installed.

Duties of Elders.

ARTICLE 36. Elders shall take heed that the pastor, their fellow elders, and the deacons, faithfully discharge their respective duties. They shall aid in visiting the sick, and contribute according to their ability, to the instruction, improvement, and consolation of the members. No one shall be elected to this office, unless he be a communicant member, and earnestly devoted to the service of Christ.

Deacon.

ARTICLE 37. A deacon is a member chosen by a congregation to gather and disburse the alms and other offerings of the people, and ordained to his office by the laying on of hands and prayer.

His election, ordi-
nation, and in-
stallation.

The law established for elders, applies also to the election, ordination and installation of deacons.

(See Articles 34 and 35 of this constitution.)

Duties of Deacons.

ARTICLE 38. It is the duty of the deacons to provide for the support of the pastor, look after the poor and destitute, and see that the charities of the congregation are wisely applied. They shall also procure the elements for the Lord's Supper, and maintain order in the house of God.

ARTICLE 39. Members called to the offices of elder and deacon should be of exemplary life and conduct, (see Acts 6: 1-6, and I. Tim. 3: 8-13), that the congregation may be edified. On this account, light-minded, contentious, or otherwise improper persons, ought not to be chosen to these offices. In case such an improper person is chosen, it shall be the duty of the pastor to refuse to ordain or install him.

Character of Elders and Deacons.

ARTICLE 40. Nominations for the offices of elder and deacon shall be made by the consistory; two names presented for each officer to be elected. Public notice of the nomination shall be given from the pulpit, at least one week before the election. At the meeting for the election, one additional name for each officer to be elected may be put in nomination, three communicant members of the congregation requesting it. No person shall be voted for, not regularly nominated. All nominees must be in full communion with the church, and earnestly devoted to the cause of Christ. If possible, each congregation shall have at least two elders and two deacons.

Nominations for church officers.

CHURCH COURTS.

ARTICLE 41. The Church Courts are:

Church courts.

- (1) The Consistory.
- (2) The Spiritual Council.
- (3) The Classis.
- (4) The Synod.
- (5) The General Synod.

They shall take cognizance only of ecclesiastical matters. They possess the right to require obedience to the laws of Christ and his church, and discipline the disobedient.

ARTICLE 42. All cases, over which a lower court has original jurisdiction, can be brought before a higher court only by reference, complaint, or appeal, unless it can be shown that the lower court has neglected its duty.

Jurisdiction.

ARTICLE 43. Classes or synods, which prevailingly use the same language in public worship, shall not occupy the same territory.

Territory of a Classis or a Synod.

ARTICLE 44. From the credentials of the delegates, *primarii* and *secundi*, the stated clerk of a classis, synod, or the General Synod, shall prepare the roll in advance of the stated meeting. The sessions of every church court shall be opened with religious service.

Rolls to be prepared in advance.

ARTICLE 45. Each classis, synod, and the General Synod, shall elect a president, stated clerk, and such

Officers of church courts.

other officers as they respectively deem necessary, who shall hold their offices, until their successors are elected at the next stated meeting, except in the case of the stated clerk, who may be elected for a longer period.

Election of delegates.

ARTICLE 46. When a church court meets as a delegated body, the delegates to it shall be elected by the courts which they respectively represent, from among their regular members, and in all such elections, at least a double number of persons shall be nominated. Those having the highest number of votes shall be the *primarii*, and an equal number having the next higher number of votes, shall be the *secundi*, who shall succeed the *primarii* in the order of the number of votes received in both cases. Should the seat of a *primarius* be vacant and his *secundus* absent, it may be occupied by another *secundus* from among the number of the *secundi* present, in the order in which they stand on the list of delegates.

Order of secundi.

Elders eligible.

ARTICLE 47. Active elders only shall be elected delegates to church courts. They have the same rights and privileges in a church court, as ministers of the gospel.

Duties of delegates.

ARTICLE 48. Delegates to a church court must be punctual in attending its meetings and remain during the whole of its sessions. They are amenable to their own court for their tardiness, or absence. The expenses incurred in attending to their duties must be provided for by the courts which elect them.

Credentials disputed.

ARTICLE 49. Credentials that are irregular or disputed shall be referred to a special committee, which shall report within twenty-four hours after its appointment.

Business of special meetings.

ARTICLE 50. At a special meeting of a church court, action can be taken only on those items of business that are named in the call.

Change of time and place of meeting.

ARTICLE 51. Should unforeseen circumstances render it necessary, either the time or place, or both, of the stated meeting of a classis, synod, or the General Synod, may be changed by the president and stated clerk: *Provided*, that for a classis two weeks; for a synod four weeks; and for the General Synod six weeks previous notice be given by circular, and insertion in the church papers.

Elders to be on committees.

ARTICLE 52. At least one member of every committee appointed by a classis, synod, or the General Synod, shall be an elder; except a committee to ordain a licentiate, install a pastor, inaugurate a professor of theology, and the executive committee of a classis.

ARTICLE 53. Delegates from bodies in correspondence with the General Synod have a seat as advisory members, but no vote. The same privilege shall be accorded to every minister and elder of the Reformed Church, who may be present at a meeting of a church court. Ministers from other denominations, who may be in attendance, shall be recognized and welcomed by the president, but can not be admitted to seats as advisory members.

Delegates from
corresponding
bodies.

ARTICLE 54. No member of a court shall be allowed to enter a protest against its acts. But any member dissenting shall have the right to call for the *yeas* and *nays*, and the vote and name of every member voting on the question shall be entered on the minutes.

No protest to be
entered.

Yeas and Nays
may be record-
ed.

CONSISTORY.

ARTICLE 55. The pastor or pastors, the elders and the deacons of a congregation, constitute its Consistory, to which the general oversight and government of the organization are committed.

Consistory.

ARTICLE 56. The pastor is President of the Consistory. If there be two or more pastors, they preside in turn. At a meeting of the consistory, a majority of its members constitute a quorum. When a charge is vacant, one of the elders shall act as president.

Organization and
quorum.

ARTICLE 57. The consistory shall hold stated monthly, or quarterly meetings, and may hold such special meetings as are called by the president; or, in his absence or inability to act, by the secretary, when requested in writing to do so by a majority of the members.

Meetings of the
Consistory.

ARTICLE 58. The consistory, or if the pastoral charge embraces more than one congregation, the Joint Consistory shall annually elect delegates, *primarius* and *secundus*, to represent the charge in classis, and in synod, if it meet in convention. In managing the general affairs of the congregation, the consistory shall call congregational meetings, order collections for benevolent purposes, distribute alms through the deacons, audit the treasurer's account, and make due provision for the support of the pastor. It shall keep a full and accurate record of its own proceedings, and those of the congregation, and submit it to classis whenever requested to do so.

Its duties.

ARTICLE 59. In calling a minister, and in all matters of general interest, the consistory can determine nothing conclusively, without the consent of a majority of the members of the congregation present at a meeting

General matters to
be decided by
congregation.

duly called for the purpose, of which at least one week's public notice shall have been given.

Election and call
of a pastor.

ARTICLE 60. When a charge is without a pastor, the consistory, or Joint Consistory shall propose a candidate for the pastorate, to be voted upon at meetings of the congregations called for the purpose, of which they shall give public notice at least one week previously. The members shall vote by ballot simply for or against him, and if a majority of the votes be cast in his favor, he is elected, and the consistory, or Joint Consistory shall tender him a call according to the form prescribed by the General Synod. Under no circumstances shall a congregation, or charge vote on more than one candidate at one and the same meeting. If a pastoral charge consists of two or more congregations, the election shall be held in each on the same day.

SPIRITUAL COUNCIL.

Spiritual Council.

ARTICLE 61. The pastor or pastors and the acting elders constitute the Spiritual Council, which alone administers the spiritual affairs of the congregation.

Its organization
and quorum.

ARTICLE 62. The pastor is president of the Spiritual Council; if there be two or more pastors, they preside in turn; and if no pastor, one of the elders. A majority of its members constitute a quorum.

Its duties.

ARTICLE 63. It is the duty of the Spiritual Council to watch over the members of the congregation, guard the doctrine of Christ, and maintain strict and wholesome discipline. It alone has power to admit members to full communion, and exclude therefrom any who may err from the faith, or offend in morals.

Jurisdiction.

ARTICLE 64. Original jurisdiction in matters of discipline pertains to the Spiritual Council, except in the case of a Minister of the Word.

Meetings.

ARTICLE 65. Stated meetings of the Spiritual Council shall be held after the examination of the catechumens, and immediately after every preparatory service; and special meetings, whenever called by the president, or an elder.

Dismission of
members.

ARTICLE 66. The Spiritual Council shall furnish members of the congregation, not under discipline, with certificates of dismission to an orthodox Protestant church, whenever applied for.

Pastor may sit
alone as a court.

ARTICLE 67. Should the Spiritual Council neglect to convene at the time appointed after being duly notified, the pastor may sit alone as a court to try an individual, and on finding him guilty, pronounce sentence.

ARTICLE 68. It shall keep a full and accurate record of its proceedings, and submit it to classis for review, whenever requested by it to do so.

Record to be kept.

CLASSIS.

ARTICLE 69. Classis consists of the ministers, residing within a district designated by the synod, and of the elders delegated by the pastoral charges situated within these limits, and has jurisdiction over said ministers and pastoral charges.

Classis.

ARTICLE 70. It shall embrace at least three pastoral charges, and as many ordained ministers. It shall meet annually at the time and place appointed. Three ministers and two elders, regularly convened, constitute a quorum.

Its jurisdiction.

Meetings of Classis.

Quorum.

ARTICLE 71. Every pastoral charge is entitled to be represented in classis by its pastor or pastors and one delegated elder; and a vacant charge, by an elder.

Representation in Classis.

ARTICLE 72. The annual meeting of a classis shall be opened with divine service, including the preaching of a sermon by the president, or one of its members designated by himself, or the classis; after which the organization shall be effected and the business transacted according to the Rules of Order prescribed by the General Synod.

Opening and organization.

ARTICLE 73. Immediately after the organization, the president shall appoint the Standing Committees of Classis, called for by the rules of order. The reports of the Committees on Minutes of Classis, Minutes of Synod, and Overtures, shall exhibit those items which claim the attention of classis, either as subjects on which it is called to decide, or as considerations, by which it may be guided in forming decisions.

Committees and their reports.

ARTICLE 74. At the annual meeting, every pastor shall present a written parochial and a full statistical report, and every minister, though without a charge, a report of his labors. If expecting to be absent, they shall forward their respective reports to the stated clerk three days before the meeting. The parochial report shall contain a full account of the temporal and spiritual condition of the charge, and of the labors of the pastor. The president, or any member of classis, may put to the pastor and elder such questions as may be requisite to elicit additional information, among which questions may be such as pertain to church discipline, pastoral visitation, and the payment of the pastor's salary. The statistical report shall be prepared according to the form approved by the General Synod. If a charge be va-

Parochial and statistical reports.

cant, this report shall be furnished by the consistory or joint consistory. On the basis of all these parochial and statistical reports, the Committee on the State of Religion shall prepare a general report for classis.

Powers of Classis
over ministers.

ARTICLE 75. In every classis is vested the power to examine and license students of theology, ordain licentiates, constitute or dissolve pastoral relations, dismiss ministers and licentiates, depose or otherwise discipline according to his desert a member of its own body and re-instate a minister whom it has suspended or deposed, when trustworthy evidence of repentance and reformation appears.

Powers of Classis
over congrega-
tions.

ARTICLE 76. Classis may review all congregational records and approve or disapprove them; and shall hear and decide all cases of reference, complaint and appeal, as well as all questions respecting ministers or congregations, which may arise within its jurisdiction and are regularly brought before it: such as constituting new congregations; determining boundaries of congregations and charges; deciding controversies between existing congregations; forming, reconstructing, or dissolving charges, as may be requested, or classis may deem expedient.

Ministers, how re-
ceived into Clas-
sis.

ARTICLE 77. Neither a minister nor licentiate shall be received by a classis, until he has presented a certificate of dismission from the classis to which he last belonged, and no reception of a minister from another denomination shall be final, until it is confirmed by synod.

Amenable to Clas-
sis, till notified
of his reception.

ARTICLE 78. A minister or licentiate is amenable to the classis that dismissed him, and his name shall be retained on its roll, until it has been officially notified of his reception by the classis to which he was dismissed.

How dismissed.

ARTICLE 79. A classis dismissing a minister or licentiate, shall specify the particular classis and synod, or other ecclesiastical body, to which he is dismissed; and in receiving a minister or licentiate, it shall in like manner specify the particular classis and synod, or other ecclesiastical body, from which he was received. A certificate of dismission, in the case of a minister or licentiate, is valid only for one year from its date.

Certificate valid
only for one
year.

Refusal of admis-
sion, when per-
mitted.

ARTICLE 80. No classis shall refuse to receive a minister or licentiate honorably dismissed to it by another, unless there be manifest grounds of objection against his doctrine or morals, in which case the certificate of dismission shall be returned to the classis, with a specific statement of the grounds of objection; whereupon, the classis shall take these objections into consideration,

and if it find no sufficient reason to change its action, the whole question shall be referred to synod for decision.

ARTICLE 81. Whenever a minister or licentiate for two consecutive years wilfully neglects to attend the annual meetings of his classis, or fails to report to it, he renders himself liable to suspension from office, and classis shall at once cite him for trial, and proceed in his case according to the constitution of the church, or strike his name from the roll, if he cannot be reached.

Ministers not attending Classis.

ARTICLE 82. At their first annual meetings, after the Minutes of the General Synod have been distributed, the classes shall act on such ordinances and constitutional amendments, as have been approved and referred to them by said general synod, and report their action thereon to its next stated meeting.

Classes to act on references from General Synod.

ARTICLE 83. A special meeting of classis *may* be called at any time by the president by circular addressed to every member, at least two weeks before the meeting; and at the written request of two ministers and two elders of classis, he *shall* call such a meeting, if assured that the party or parties, for whose benefit it is to be called, will pay the expenses incurred. In case of the death or removal of the president, or if the business to be transacted implicates him, the power of calling the meeting is vested in the next higher officer, the treasurer excepted. Should either of these contingencies exist with respect to the remaining officers, two ministers and two elders, members of the classis, may call the meeting.

Special meetings of Classis, how and when called.

ARTICLE 84. Classis shall appoint an *Executive Committee* consisting of three ministers, of which the president shall be chairman. This committee represents classis during the interval between meetings. In all cases, where between the parties concerned there is no question at issue, it shall have power to dissolve a pastoral relation; dismiss or receive a minister or licentiate, confirm a call, appoint a committee to ordain a licentiate or install a pastor, permit a minister or licentiate to minister to vacant congregations, aid a vacant charge in securing a pastor and a minister in obtaining a suitable field of labor, authorize the organization of new congregations, and exercise a general supervision over the interests of the church, within the bounds of classis. The committee shall at the close of the year present a full report of its doings to classis for revision and incorporation in its minutes. Classis shall pay the necessary expenses of this committee.

Executive Committee of Classis, its powers and duties.

Stated Clerk, his duties.

ARTICLE 85. The stated clerk shall have charge of the books and papers of classis, and issue all its official documents signed by himself and the president, with the seal of classis affixed. At least ten days before the annual meetings of classis, he shall furnish every pastor with a copy of the blank form of the statistical report. He shall transmit to synod, at its annual meetings, a certified copy of the minutes of all the meetings held during the year, in the form and order required by the rules of synod. He shall furnish pastoral charges and individuals with a certified copy of any proceedings, in which they are specially concerned. If synod meet as a delegated body, he shall, at least ten days before its annual meeting, furnish its stated clerk with the credentials of the delegates, *primarii* and *secundi*, elected to represent classis. He shall, also, thirty days before the stated meeting of the General Synod, furnish its stated clerk with the credentials of the delegates, *primarii* and *secundi*, elected to represent classis, together with the roll of its then present members, and also a certified copy of the minutes of classis, having reference to General Synod.

A Classis becoming extinct.

ARTICLE 86. If a classis becomes extinct, the synod with which it was connected shall have jurisdiction over its members, and transfer them to any classis, within whose bounds they propose to reside. It shall also determine any case of discipline begun by the classis and not concluded.

THE SYNOD.

A Synod, composed of.

ARTICLE 87. A synod is composed of four or more adjacent classes, designated by the General Synod, and has jurisdiction over the same. It shall meet annually, either in convention, or as a delegated body. If in convention, it consists of all its ministers and one elder from each pastoral charge; if as a delegated body, it consists of the ministers and elders chosen by its classes, according to a basis of representation, adopted by itself, with the concurrence of at least two-thirds of its classes. A suspended or deposed minister shall not be counted in the basis of representation, either to synod or General Synod.

Quorum.

ARTICLE 88. Any number of members convened at the time and place appointed for a meeting, in which a majority of the classes is represented, and of whom at least one-third are elders, constitutes a quorum.

Opening of Synod.

ARTICLE 89. The annual sessions shall be opened with divine service, including the preaching of a sermon

by the president, or some member designated by himself or the synod; after which the organization shall be effected and the business transacted according to the rules of order prescribed by the General Synod.

ARTICLE 90. A synod shall annually review the proceedings of its classes. The report of the committee on this subject shall embrace the following topics:

1. *Things Censurable*, either as a violation of the constitution of the church, an offense against propriety, or a neglect of duty.

2. *Requests and References* from the classes to the synod.

3. *Complaints and Appeals* to synod.

4. *Decisions of classes* on subjects referred to them by the synod.

5. *Licensures, Ordinations, ministers received, dismissed, suspended or deposed. Licentiates received or dismissed, and licenses revoked.*

6. *Time and place of the next annual meeting of each classis, its president, stated clerk, treasurer, and number of copies of Minutes* requested, in English or German.

ARTICLE 91. A synod has power to examine and license students of theology, ordain licentiates, hear and determine complaints and appeals, give advice in a case referred to it by a classis, establish new classes within its own limits, and determine all controversies between classes, and between ministers and congregations of two or more classes. An existing classis, however, can neither be dissolved, nor any part of it be united to another, without its consent. The decision of a synod in all cases of complaint or appeal shall be final, except on questions concerning doctrine, cultus, and the constitutional construction, or when the legality of the proceedings is called in question.

ARTICLE 92. A synod by itself, or in connection with one or more adjacent synods, may establish and maintain colleges and other literary institutions, and shall have full control over them. The professors and other officers shall be amenable only to the synod or synods by which they are sustained, subject to charter regulations.

ARTICLE 93. A synod may also by itself, or in connection with one or more adjacent synods, with the consent of the General Synod, establish a Theological Seminary. The Board of Trustees and the Board of Visitors shall be elected by said synod or synods, and report to them annually.

Order of business.

Proceedings of
Classes to be re-
viewed.

Order of review.

Powers of Synod.

What decisions
are final.

Establish Literary
Institutions.

Establish Semin-
aries.

Church Extension,
Home and For-
eign Missions.

ARTICLE 94. Each synod shall give every necessary attention to the education of pious young men for the gospel ministry, to the cause of church extension and of missions, both in the home and foreign field. Its missionary operations shall be under the authority and control of the Boards of General Synod.

Board of Publica-
tion.

ARTICLE 95. A synod may, either by itself or in connection with one or more adjacent synods, establish and maintain a Board of Publication, whose particular purpose shall be the publication and sale of such church papers and religious books, as are adapted to promote sound knowledge and true religion in Sunday-schools and among church members. At every annual meeting of synod or synods, the board shall submit for revision a full statement of its operations during the year, and its present condition.

Special meetings,
how called.

ARTICLE 96. A special meeting of synod may be called by the president at the written request of four ministers and four elders, members of synod, specifying the particular business to be transacted. At least three weeks before the time of meeting, the members shall be notified by circular, designating the time and place of meeting and the items of business, issued by the stated clerk by order of the president.

Stated Clerk, his
duties.

ARTICLE 97. All credentials, calls to professors, and agreements to which synod is a party, shall be signed by the president and stated clerk, with the seal of synod attached. The stated clerk shall subscribe all extracts from the records of synod, and have charge of the records, papers and seal of synod; and shall submit three or more printed copies of the proceedings of every meeting held during the three years, duly authenticated, to the General Synod at its stated meeting for examination and review.

GENERAL SYNOD.

General Synod.

ARTICLE 98. The General Synod represents the whole church, and is composed of ministers and elders delegated by the classes. It is the highest church court, and the last resort on all questions concerning the government, doctrine, and cultus of the church. It bears the following title: "*The General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*"

Ratio of represen-
tation.

ARTICLE 99. In the General Synod, a classis consisting of not more than twelve ministers, is entitled to be represented by one minister and one elder; a classis of more than twelve ministers and not more than twenty-four, by two ministers and two elders, and so on in the

same ratio. Any number of delegates convened at the time and place appointed for a meeting, in which the majority of the classes is represented, and one-third of whom at least are elders, constitutes a quorum.

A quorum.

ARTICLE 100. The General Synod shall meet triennially at the time and place appointed. The sessions shall be opened with divine service, including the preaching of a sermon by the president, or some member designated by himself or the general synod; after which the organization shall be effected and the business transacted according to its rules of order.

Meet triennially.

Organization.

ARTICLE 101. A special meeting of the General Synod may be called by the president, at the written request of twenty members, representing a majority of the synods, and of whom one-third are elders. At least six weeks before the time of meeting, the members shall be notified by circular designating the time and place of meeting and the items of business, issued by the stated clerk by order of the president.

Special meetings,
how called.

ARTICLE 102. The General Synod shall review the proceedings of the synods, and approve or disapprove their acts. It has power to maintain correspondence with sister churches, hear and determine complaints and appeals, within the limits laid down in this constitution (see Article 91), decide controversies between synods, and classes of different synods, and also give counsel in cases referred to it by one or more synods. It may at the request of four adjacent classes, in which the same language prevails, and with the consent of the synod or synods within whose bounds they lie, constitute them a synod.

Review proceed-
ings of Synods.

Hear and deter-
mine complaints
and appeals.

ARTICLE 103. The General Synod shall diligently prosecute the work of home missions and foreign missions by two specific boards, which are to be elected and afterwards governed in their proceedings, in accordance with the provisions of their respective charters. At every triennial meeting of the General Synod, each board shall submit for revision a full statement of its operations during the last three years, and its present condition.

Prosecute Home
and Foreign Mis-
sions.

ARTICLE 104. The General Synod shall appoint a committee consisting of seven members, representing at least five synods, and may change it either wholly or in part at a stated meeting, who shall be empowered at any time, when deemed necessary, to examine into the doctrine, cultus, and management of any one or all of the theological seminaries of the Reformed Church in the United States. Said committee shall report to each session of the gen-

Examination of
Theological Sem-
inaries.

eral synod, and if an examination has been instituted, submit the result of their inquiries; and any items reported may, at the discretion of the general synod, be referred to the synod, or board or committee, having jurisdiction in the premises. Said committee shall not, however, interfere with any arrangement or authority of the respective synods, or their boards or committees. The chairman of the committee may, at any time, and shall, when requested in writing by three members of the committee, institute an examination as aforesaid, within sixty days from the date of the request, notifying each member of the committee of time and place of meeting, at least ten days previously.

Preparation of
Church Forms.

ARTICLE 105. The General Synod shall prepare, and at a stated meeting may alter or amend by a vote of two-thirds, forms of a Charter for a Congregation; a Constitution for a Congregation; a Constitution for a Joint Consistory; Certificate of Licensure; Testimonials of Ordination; Certificate of Dismission of a Minister; Call to a Minister; Call to a Professor of Theology; Certificate of Dismission of a Church Member; Certificate of Marriage; Statistical Report of a Pastoral Charge; Statistical Report of a Classis; Statistical Report of a Synod; a Church Register; Accusations; Citation of an Accused Person; Citation of a Witness; Form for Swearing a Witness and Form for Affirming a Witness; Order of Business and Rules of Order for the Classes, the Synods, and the General Synod.

Ordinances and
amendments,
how adopted.

ARTICLE 106. All proposed ordinances, or changes in the ordinances of the church, such as this constitution, a catechism, a hymn book, and a liturgy, must first be approved by a vote of two-thirds of the general synod at a stated meeting, and then submitted to all the classes for adoption or rejection. If at the next stated meeting of General Synod, it appears that more than one-third of the classes have negatived the adoption of the ordinance or amendment to the constitution, approved and submitted as aforesaid, the same is rejected and shall be so declared; otherwise it is adopted, and general synod shall declare that fact, and it shall be of binding authority in the whole church.

Stated Clerk, his
duties.

ARTICLE 107. The original records of all proceedings of the General Synod, and all documents, letters and papers, having reference to its proceedings, shall be carefully preserved by the stated clerk, and deposited in such a place as the General Synod shall direct; and no document or paper shall be removed therefrom by any

person whatever, without leave previously obtained from the general synod, or, during its recess, from its stated clerk.

ARTICLE 108. At least forty days before the stated meeting of the General Synod, its Stated Clerk shall furnish the stated clerks of the several classes with a copy of the blank form of the credentials of the delegates to general synod.

Furnish blank forms of credentials.

STUDENTS FOR THE MINISTRY.

ARTICLE 109. Before a student is entitled to beneficiary aid from or through a classis, he shall submit to an examination; and if the result be satisfactory, place himself under the care of classis, which shall exercise supervision over his studies and Christian deportment.

Beneficiary students.

ARTICLE 110. At every annual meeting of his classis, he shall submit a written report of the progress he has made in his studies, and also his circular or circulars of the institution.

Shall report to Classis.

ARTICLE 111. Every student of theology shall—if he has not already done so—place himself under the care of a classis. For this purpose it shall institute an examination, and if the result be satisfactory, take him under its care, and exercise proper supervision over his studies and Christian deportment. He shall pursue his course of study at a theological institution of the church, unless classis by a majority vote permits him to pursue his studies elsewhere.

Students of theology.

Where pursue their studies.

ARTICLE 112. A student of theology shall annually submit to his classis a written report of the progress he has made in his studies. He can not exercise ministerial functions. He may, however, during his senior year, with the consent of the faculty of the seminary, occasionally preach, when invited to do so by a pastor, or, in case of a vacancy, by those who have control of the pulpit.

Report to Classis.

Preach occasionally.

LICENTIATES.

ARTICLE 113. A licentiate is a student of theology, who, after examination by his classis, has been authorized to preach the gospel, and accept a call from a pastoral charge or missionary field.

Licentiate, who is.

ARTICLE 114. A student of theology, applying for licensure, shall present to his classis a written request to that effect, and the certificate from the theological seminary or institution. He shall submit to an examination, which shall be open to all the members of classis, and embrace at least the main subjects taught in the

Licensure, how obtained.

theological seminary. Particular attention shall be paid to his piety, the purity of his intentions in seeking the ministry, his orthodoxy, and his ability to teach. The report of such examination shall not enter into particulars, but simply state the result as satisfactory or unsatisfactory.

Irregular students.

ARTICLE 115. For good reasons, applicants for licensure may be admitted to the ministry, who have not completed the full course of study prescribed for the theological seminary; but in all such cases, a unanimous vote of the classis is required to authorize the license.

Formula to be subscribed by Licentiate.

ARTICLE 116. The examination of the applicant proving satisfactory and the report of the examiners being adopted, he shall read aloud before classis, or synod, and subscribe the following formula, in a book kept for that purpose:

"I, one of the undersigned, hereby testify, that I honestly and truly accept the doctrine of the Heidelberg Catechism as in accordance with the Word of God, and promise, moreover, faithfully to preach and defend the same. I, also, declare and promise, that I will carefully observe and comply with all the ordinances which now are, or may hereafter, be enacted by the authorities of the church; and, also, that I will cheerfully and readily receive and submit to all their admonitions and decisions so long as I remain in connection with the Reformed Church.

"In testimony whereof, I hereby subscribe my name, the day and year written opposite to it."

Name. ———. Date.

Having thus attested his adherence to the Reformed Church in the United States in its doctrines and discipline, he shall be furnished with a certificate of licensure, bearing the seal of classis, or synod, and the signatures of the president and stated clerk.

Privileges and duties of Licentiate.

ARTICLE 117. A licentiate is permitted to preach the Word; but shall neither administer the sacraments, perform the rite of confirmation, pronounce the benediction, nor solemnize marriage. He is under the care and jurisdiction of his classis, must attend its meetings and submit a written report of his labors; but has neither a vote in classis, nor can he represent it in a higher court.

When ordained.

ARTICLE 118. A licentiate shall not be admitted to ordination until he is twenty-one years of age, and has received a call from a pastoral charge, or has been appointed to a mission; and a classis shall not ordain him, unless his call proceed from a pastoral charge within its

bounds. In the case of a licentiate, the acts of ordination and installation may take place at the same time. If, however, appointed to a mission, or called to a professorship in an authorized theological or literary institution of the church, he may be ordained.

ARTICLE 119. A licentiate shall neither statedly nor from time to time preach for a vacant congregation or pastoral charge, without the consent of classis. He shall be a member of that classis within whose bounds he resides.

ARTICLE 120. Licentiates from other ecclesiastical bodies must be examined in the same manner as students of theology.

THE SACRAMENTS.

ARTICLE 121. The Sacraments of the Church, according to the institution of Christ, are two: Holy Baptism, and the Lord's Supper.

ARTICLE 122. Children are ingrafted into the church by baptism, and subject to its care and discipline. It is their duty, as soon as they are old enough to learn the catechism and to be benefitted by the pastor's instruction, to become members of the catechetical class.

ARTICLE 123. A child may be baptized if one of its parents be a member of the Christian Church, but if neither of them be such, it must remain for the present unbaptized. Should, however, one of its parents manifest a desire to be admitted to the communion of the church, and promise to profit by the next opportunity, the child may be baptized.

ARTICLE 124. Sponsors may be admitted in the baptism of infants; but the parents themselves must also assume every obligation. No person, however, shall be a sponsor, who is not in full communion with a branch of the Christian Church. This, in conjunction with the previous article, shall not be so construed as to prevent persons, who adopt orphans or other children into their families, from offering them to God in baptism.

ARTICLE 125. Adults shall be baptized, if the minister has ascertained that they possess correct views of Christian doctrine, give evidence of true repentance and faith, and are willing to yield obedience to the requirements of Christ. But if in these respects he discover deficiencies, he shall direct them to attend the usual catechetical instructions, and afterward proceed in relation to them, as with catechumens. If this, however, be impracticable, he shall in some way suitably instruct them.

Not to serve a charge without permission.

Licentiates from other bodies.

Sacraments.

Baptism of children.

Conditions of infant baptism.

Sponsors, their qualification.

Baptism of adults.

Their qualification.

Baptism, where administered.

ARTICLE 126. Baptism ought to be administered publicly in the church. The offices provided in the Liturgy of the Church shall be used. In the case of adults, the rite of confirmation shall follow immediately upon their baptism.

Confirmation to follow.

Lord's Supper.

ARTICLE 127. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be publicly observed in every congregation at least twice a year, and the celebration conducted according to the established order of the Reformed Church.

Preparatory service.

ARTICLE 128. A service shall be held preparatory to the observance of the Lord's Supper; and the names of all communicants shall be recorded. Before the communion is administered, the spiritual council shall diligently inquire whether any member has departed from the faith, doctrine or practice of the church, to the end that all improper persons may be excluded from the Lord's table; and if the elders neglect this duty, the pastor is empowered to exercise this discipline alone.

Who may commune.

ARTICLE 129. Only confirmed members of the church, who are not under discipline, shall be admitted to the communion of the Lord's Supper. Members in good standing, of sister congregations, and of other denominations, holding the essential doctrines of the gospel, may be invited to unite in the observance of this sacrament.

Private communion.

ARTICLE 130. The Lord's Supper may be administered to the sick and infirm, who are not able to come to the house of God, and yet desire to receive it. The bread and wine, consecrated in the church, shall be used. An elder may convey the elements to the sick and infirm, to whom the pastor cannot personally minister. One or more persons should join in the private communion; and one or more elders ought to be present. It may also be administered at any other time, the pastor satisfying himself as to the spiritual preparation of the applicant.

CHURCH RITES.

Church rites.

ARTICLE 131. Confirmation, ordination, and marriage are sacred church rites, which shall be administered according to the order prescribed in the Liturgy of the Church.

Instruction for confirmation.

ARTICLE 132. Every pastor shall give special attention to the instruction of the youth in his pastoral charge, with particular reference to their preparation for confirmation. The Heidelberg Catechism shall be used in such instruction. No other shall be employed, unless it has been approved by the church courts.

ARTICLE 133. Before confirmation the Spiritual Council shall be satisfied that the candidates understand the fundamental truths of the Christian religion, and are governed by them, manifesting a purpose to lead a pious life. Those who continue ignorant of the gospel, and do not warrant a reasonable hope that they will be faithful to Christ, shall not be admitted to confirmation.

Examination before confirmation.

ARTICLE 134. In the act of ordination and installation, whether in the case of a minister, an elder or a deacon, only regularly ordained ministers of the church shall take part. A person once ordained, whether he be a minister of the gospel, an elder or a deacon, is ordained to his particular office for life.

Who ordain and install a Minister, an Elder, and a Deacon.

ARTICLE 135. Marriage is an ordinance of God, and as such should be solemnized by a minister of religion, in accordance with the laws of Church and State.

Marriage.

ARTICLE 136. Members of the church, having died in the faith and hope of the gospel, shall be honored with a decent, Christian burial. The burial service shall be conducted according to the order prescribed in the Liturgy of the Church.

Burial.

WORSHIP.

ARTICLE 137. No order of worship shall be observed, and no selection of hymns used, unless approved, or recommended by the General Synod.

Order of Worship.

ARTICLE 138. The chief Festivals of the Church Year—Christmas, Good Friday, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost, and Trinity Sunday—and all days appointed by proper ecclesiastical or civil authority, for fasting or thanksgiving, ought to be duly respected and observed by congregations and families.

Chief festivals of the Church.

ARTICLE 139. The Lord's Day (Sunday) shall be kept as a holy day, devoted to the public worship of the Lord in the sanctuary; to reading the Holy Scriptures, private devotions, and to works of love and mercy. Meetings for prayer, and family worship are also commended as important religious services.

Days for fasting and thanksgiving.

Observance of the Lord's Day.

DISCIPLINE.

ARTICLE 140.—SECTION A. Christian Discipline is the exercise of the authority and the application of those laws, which the Lord Jesus Christ has established in his Church, to preserve its purity and honor, and promote the spiritual welfare of its members. All Christian Discipline is spiritual; and nothing shall be admitted as matter of accusation, or considered an offense,

Discipline.

Offenses subject to discipline.	which can not be proved to be such from the Scriptures, or the regulations of the church. The following sins especially claim the attention of the church courts, and merit discipline: heresy, blasphemy, schism, perjury, fornication, adultery, fraud, contentiousness, intemperance, gross profanation of the Lord's Day, and any other offenses against the Ten Commandments.
Forms of discipline.	SEC. B. Discipline shall be exercised by admonition, censure, erasure of names, suspension, deposition, and excommunication.
Who is subject to discipline, and when to be exercised.	ARTICLE 141. All members of the church, confirmed or unconfirmed, are subject to discipline. If the unconfirmed fall into sinful ways, the pastor and elders shall remind the parents and sponsors of their duty in regard to them, and shall also by direct approach, seek to bring them to the obedience of Christ. Judicial proceedings against alleged offenders can only be instituted on accusation of a communicant member, or a judicatory finding it necessary to investigate an offense.
Parties to a prosecution.	ARTICLE 142.— SEC. A. Prosecution, initiated by a judicatory of the church, shall be brought in the name of " <i>The Reformed Church in the United States</i> ," as plaintiff; in all individual matters, the name of the accuser or prosecutor, shall stand as plaintiff, the person or persons accused, as defendants.
Appointment of a prosecutor.	SEC. B. The judicatory, initiating a prosecution, shall appoint a committee of one or more of its own members to conduct the prosecution in all its stages until its final issue is reached; this committee may be changed by the judicatory that created the same, or said judicatory may appoint assistant counsel in the case at any stage of the proceedings.
Who may appear as counsel.	SEC. C. Any plaintiff or defendant may be represented by counsel; but no person can appear as a counsel or attorney in a church court, except he be a minister, or an elder of the church, in good and regular standing.
Party and counsel have no vote.	SEC. D. No person who is a party, a prosecutor of his own motion, or by appointment, or a counsel in a case, shall have a vote on any question affecting the decision of the case at issue.
Admonition to precede prosecution.	ARTICLE 143. Prosecutions in individual matters shall not be allowed, unless those means for reconciliation have been tried, which are required by our Lord, Matthew xviii:15-17. "If thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him of his fault between thee

and him alone; if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church." This shall not be required, if the prosecution is in the name of the church; but nevertheless, in every case efforts should be made by private conference with the accused, to avoid if possible the necessity of actual process.

ARTICLE 144. Members of the church, who upon being convicted of an offense reject the admonitions of the Spiritual Council, or of the Church Judicatory that found them guilty, or who have committed an act of public scandal, shall be suspended from the communion of the church. Those thus suspended shall be treated not as enemies, but as erring brethren, and shall be admonished as such, in accordance with the Apostolic direction, II. Thess. iii:6-15. But if this suspension and these admonitions be ineffectual, offenders shall be excommunicated. "If he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican." Matthew xviii:17. A suspension may or may not be announced publicly at the discretion of the church judicatory that tried the case; a sentence of excommunication, however, shall always be publicly pronounced.

After conviction,
admonition and
suspension.

ARTICLE 145. If a member after admonition by the pastor or elders, continue to neglect his duty as a member of the church, or permanently absent himself from public worship of the congregation, such conduct shall be considered an offense against the church and render the offender liable to discipline. But if he has estranged himself from the church, so as to make it impossible for the Spiritual Council to reach him, his name shall be erased from the Church Register.

Excommunication

Discipline for neglect of duty.

ARTICLE 146. If a minister, an elder, or a deacon, commits an offense which brings dishonor upon the church, or is punishable in the criminal courts, he shall upon trial and conviction, if an elder or a deacon, be removed from his office by the Spiritual Council, or if a minister, by his classis. In case of a minister, the Spiritual Council shall temporarily prevent him from further exercising his ministerial functions, and refer him at once to classis for trial.

Erasure of names.

Church officers to be removed.

ARTICLE 147. If an ill report concerning the moral conduct of a minister, an elder or a deacon be in circulation, the Spiritual Council shall institute an immediate

Proceedings on evil rumors.

investigation, and proceed as the interest of religion and justice to the individual may require. If the Spiritual Council neglect to investigate ill reports concerning a minister, the classis or its executive committee shall investigate the case, without waiting to be requested by the Spiritual Council. But if classis discover that the Spiritual Council is already occupied with it, they shall await a reasonable time the result of this inquiry. No prosecution based on evil rumors shall be instituted, except a particular sin or sins are specified, the rumors are general and extensively circulated, permanent and not transient, and are accompanied with strong presumption of truth.

Deposition dissolves pastoral relation.

ARTICLE 148. If a pastor be suspended or deposed from his ministerial office, and no appeal in his case is pending, the relation existing between him and his pastoral charge is thereby dissolved, and the church court shall declare his pulpit vacant.

Accusations, how to be drawn and what to contain.

ARTICLE 149. Prosecutions must be based upon written accusations, drawn in the name of the party plaintiff, and addressed to the judicatory having jurisdiction in the case. The names of parties, plaintiff and defendant, shall be clearly stated at the head of the document. Each offense shall be set forth as a separate charge, clearly and unequivocally. Each charge must be followed by the specifications, setting forth the facts relied upon to sustain it, giving as near as possible, the time, place and circumstances of the offense.

If by an individual for personal injury.

If a prosecution is brought by an individual for personal injuries, the accusation must state that the law of the church, as laid down in Article 143 of this Constitution and in Matthew xviii: 15-17, was followed and observed by him, but remained unheeded by defendant; the prosecutor shall also state in his accusation, that he has good and sufficient reason to believe the facts set forth in his accusation to be true and correct, and that he is not actuated by malice or ill-will in making the charge, and he shall sign the accusation in his own proper handwriting.

If in the name of the Church.

Accusations drawn in the name of the church, shall be signed by the appointed prosecutor or prosecutors in their official capacity, viz: "N. N., committee appointed by N. N. for the prosecution of this case." If an accusation is brought, upon an investigation of public rumors, this fact must be stated therein, together with the manner, form and result of the preliminary investigation.

If based on public rumors.

ARTICLE 150. Accusations must be filed in duplicates with the stated clerk or secretary of the judicatory to which it is directed; one copy thereof to be for the use of the prosecution, and the other copy for the use of the defense. The clerk or secretary shall immediately inform the president of the judicatory of the filing of an accusation.

Where and how to be filed.

If an accusation be against the clerk or secretary of the judicatory, it shall be filed with the presiding officer, and he shall proceed to perform the duties of the clerk or secretary, until another clerk or secretary is appointed for the occasion; and if it is against the presiding officer, the secretary or clerk shall proceed to perform the duties of the presiding officer in the case, until the judicatory can meet and appoint a presiding officer for the occasion.

If against Clerk or Secretary of judicatory.

ARTICLE 151. The president of the court in which an accusation has been filed in manner aforesaid, or in case of his disqualification, the secretary or clerk, shall call a meeting of said court for the hearing of the case, in manner and form as such court is usually called for the transaction of business. The secretary or clerk of the court, or in case of disqualification, the president, shall make out, and in his official capacity sign a citation directed to the defendant, or defendants named in the accusation, demanding him or them to appear in said court, naming time and place, and to answer the charge or charges contained in the accusation. Such citation and one of the copies of the accusation filed shall be served on the defendant, or defendants by handing a copy of the citation and a copy of the accusation to each defendant, or leaving them at his last known place of residence, with an adult member of his family or household, at least ten days before the trial. The prosecution shall also be notified of the time and place of the trial, by the secretary or clerk of the court, or in case of his disqualification, by the president, at least ten days previous to the hearing.

Calling of Court and citation of Parties.

ARTICLE 152. Testimony may be taken by either party before a Notary Public, or a Justice of the Peace, of witnesses who cannot appear at the trial of a case on account of distance, ill-health, or other unavoidable circumstances; *provided*, the party in whose interest the testimony is taken notify the opposite party at least ten days previous, when and where the testimony is to be taken, and what he expects to prove. The opposite party may be present and cross-examine the witnesses, or send cross-questions, which shall be asked and answered by the

Evidence, how obtained outside of Court.

witness; the Notary, or Justice certifying thereto that said witnesses were first sworn, or affirmed to testify the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth in the matter, that it was reduced to writing by him, and that it was taken at the time and place specified in the notice, and when so authenticated, the same may be read at any and all stages of the trial.

Proceedings on
non-appearance.

ARTICLE 153. If the accused refuse to obey the summons, he shall be cited a second time to appear as soon as the court may deem reasonable, not less than ten days; and if he still refuse to appear, he shall not only be liable to censure for contumacy, but the court may proceed with the investigation and decision of the case, as though he were present.

Subpœnas, how issued, how served.

ARTICLE 154. The President, Clerk, or Secretary of the Church Judicatory, which is to hear the case, shall, when requested, issue subpœnas, requiring the witnesses named therein to appear before said judicatory to testify in the case, stating therein the time and place of the hearing, the names of the parties, and the party in whose interest they are expected to testify. Such subpœnas shall be served by handing to each witness required to appear a copy thereof, or by leaving the copy at his place of residence with an adult member of the family with which he resides. A person, disobeying a subpœna thus issued and served, is guilty of disobedience and contempt of court, and may for such offense be suspended from the rights and privileges of the church, or reprimanded by the church judicatory.

Disobedience to be
disciplined.

Trials, how conducted.

ARTICLE 155.—SEC. A. Trials shall be conducted in open or secret session, as the majority of the court may determine.

Jurisdiction first to
be settled.

SEC. B. Exceptions to the jurisdiction of the court, or the qualification of any of its members, must be made immediately after the court is opened, either before or after the charge or charges are read, and questions arising in regard thereto must be decided before proceeding with the hearing of the case; and if none are made, all objections shall be deemed waived.

Plea or answer.

SEC. C. After the jurisdiction of the court and the qualification of its members are settled, or no objections thereto have been raised, and the charge or charges have been read in open court, the defendant, or defendants must enter a proper plea or answer to each charge; a refusal to plead or answer shall be taken as a plea of not guilty.

Evidence.

SEC. D. If facts are disputed, or evidence is needed to

throw more light upon facts not disputed, the witnesses, after being sworn, or solemnly affirmed by the president, or any member of the court whom he may appoint, shall be examined, and may be cross-examined by the opposite party. In the examination of witnesses and presentation of the law and the evidence, the rules of the common-law courts shall be followed as nearly as possible.

SEC. E. All persons, whether parties or otherwise, are competent witnesses, except such as do not believe in the existence of God, or a future state of rewards and punishments, or have not sufficient intelligence to understand the obligation of an oath. Any witness may be challenged for incompetency, and the judicatory shall decide the question.

SEC. F. A member of the judicatory may be called upon to testify in a case which comes before it. He shall be qualified as other witnesses are, and after having given his testimony, may immediately resume his seat as a member of the judicatory.

SEC. G. Exceptions to any of the rulings of the court must be taken at the time they are made, or shortly thereafter, while the same subject is under consideration. All decisions and rulings of the court, to which exceptions are taken, as well as the objections, shall be distinctly stated in the minutes of the court, to be available in case of an appeal, or review.

SEC. H. The whole proceedings, and all the evidence in the case, shall be accurately and fully recorded, and copies thereof furnished to the parties promptly, if demanded, at their expense. The fees charged for copies of the record and papers filed in a case, shall not be more than ten cents for each one hundred words written, including certificate of correctness attached to the copy.

ARTICLE 156. After the final submission of the cause, the court shall retire into secret session for consultation and decision, to which no attorney, prosecutor, or party interested, shall be admitted. Decisions in judicial proceedings must be rendered by a majority vote of the members of the court present during the entire progress of the trial, the presiding officer having no vote, except in case of a tie he shall have the casting vote. A separate vote must be taken on each charge. No sentence of excommunication of a member, suspension or deposition of a minister, elder, or deacon from office, shall be valid, except by concurrence of two-thirds of the members voting. Decision and sentence of the court shall be

Qualifications to
be a witness.

Members of Court
may testify.

Exceptions to rulings.

Proceedings to be
recorded and
copies furnished.

Proceedings on decisions and sentence.

Separate vote on
each charge.

When two-thirds
needed.

How decision and sentence rendered.	publicly pronounced by the president, in the presence of the defendant or defendants, in case of their appearance; under all circumstances, it shall be read in open court. Exceptions thereto, motions for a new trial or for a mitigation of sentence, shall at once be heard and decided.
All exceptions to be recorded.	Decision, sentence, exceptions, further proceedings thereon, and notices of appeal, shall be duly recorded in the minutes of the trial, in the order they occur.
Right of complaint.	ARTICLE 157.—SEC. A. Any member of the church, in good and regular standing, shall have the right of complaint by petition directed to any of the church judicatories for grievances, other than those that necessitate an accusation and a judicial proceeding by trial; <i>provided</i> , that due notice is given to the party complained of.
How complaints disposed of	SEC. B. Such complaints shall be duly examined by the court and disposed of as it may deem right and proper, giving all parties concerned ample notice, time and opportunity for hearing, so that a just, correct and intelligent conclusion may be reached.
Against individuals.	SEC. C. If the complaint is against an individual or individuals, and of such a nature that a judicial proceeding by trial must be had to meet the aims and ends of right and justice, the judicatory having the matter under consideration shall inform the complainant, that his remedy is by judicial proceeding.
Against church officers.	SEC. D. If the official act, or decision of an officer of the church, is the ground of complaint, the complaint shall be brought before the judicatory in whose name or authority he acted, and the said officer shall be served with an exact copy of this complaint, at least ten days before it is heard.
Against church judicatories.	SEC. E. If the official decision of a church judicatory is complained of, the complaint shall be brought in the next higher court; such complaint, and the reasons therefore, must be filed with the stated clerk or secretary of the body complained of, within thirty days after the decision was rendered. The clerk or secretary shall thereupon notify the president of the judicatory, who shall appoint a committee to defend the action of such judicatory, and such complaint shall be, by the secretary or clerk, entered upon the records for transmission to the next higher tribunal, and such complaint shall be heard at its next session, unless thirty days have not intervened between the filing of such complaint and the session of said higher tribunal.
Appeal in case of complaint.	SEC. F. If an appeal is taken from the decision of a court in a case of complaint, the court that rendered the

decision shall be the respondent and defend its position in the appellate court, by and through such representative as said respondent may deem proper to appoint—said representatives, however, being ministers or elders of the church.

ARTICLE 158.—SEC. A. A party to a judicial case, or complaint, who feels aggrieved by the decision of a lower court, may, unless the action be necessarily final, appeal to the next higher court.

SEC. B. Irregularity in the proceedings; refusal to entertain an appeal, or complaint; refusal of reasonable indulgence to a party on trial; receiving improper, or declining to receive important testimony; disregard of the provisions of the law, or of a preponderance of unimpeachable evidence; undue haste; manifestation of prejudice in the conduct of the cause; mistake or injustice in the decision, or in any of the rulings of the court in matters appertaining to the case, or undue severity of sentence, are good and sufficient reasons for an appeal.

SEC. C. Notice of an appeal must be filed in open court before the close of the session, and within thirty days after adjournment of court, the reasons for such appeal must be filed with the stated clerk or secretary of the court appealed from.

SEC. D. The stated clerk or secretary of the judicatory appealed from, shall file with the stated clerk of the appellate court, the records and papers filed in a case, in which an appeal was regularly taken, or a certified copy thereof, on or before the second day of the next stated session of said appellate court.

SEC. E. An appeal arrests the execution of a sentence; but if the sentence be suspension, deposition or excommunication, it shall remain in force until finally reversed.

ARTICLE 159.—SEC. A. All cases of appeal, of which the records and papers, or certified copies thereof, were placed in the hands of the stated clerk of the appellate court, shall be called up by him as soon as possible after permanent organization of the court; he shall state the names of the original parties, read the accusation or complaint and the decision and sentence, state the names of the appellants and appellees, and read the reasons filed for the appeal.

SEC. B. In case the secretary or stated clerk of the lower court, failed to file the records of an appeal, as provided in the previous article of this constitution, he

Who may appeal.

Cause for appeal.

Notice to be given.

Records and papers to be sent up.

Appeal arrests execution.

Proceedings on appeal.

Clerk to call up appeal cases.

Parties may furnish records.

shall be reprimanded by the court, and referred to his judicatory for punishment; and the appellant or appellee may furnish a copy thereof, certified to as being correct by the clerk of the lower court, and such shall be taken, as if it had been filed by the clerk.

Appellant to appear.

SEC. C. The appellant shall appear in person, or by counsel, before the appellate court on or before the close of the second day's sessions of its stated meeting, next ensuing the date of the filing of his notice of appeal, and shall lodge an additional copy of his appeal, and specifications of the errors alleged, with the clerk of the appellate court within the time above specified. If he fails to do so and to show to the satisfaction of the court that he was unavoidably prevented from so doing, his appeal shall be considered abandoned, and the judgment of the lower court stands. The court shall proceed to hear an appeal, the appellee appearing or not, except it appears that notice of appeal was not served on him properly.

If he fails, case abandoned.

No new testimony to be admitted.

SEC. D. No testimony, which has not been brought before the lower court, shall be admitted in the higher court in the hearing of an appeal, except by the consent of both parties. If new evidence arises, which is likely to alter the aspect of the case materially, it must be sent back to the lower court for a new investigation.

Appointment of committee to examine appeal.

SEC. E. After an appeal is called up and stated by the clerk, the presiding officer of the court shall appoint a committee, whose duty it shall be to take charge of all the records and papers in the case, examine the same thoroughly and report thereon:

(1) Whether or not the appeal is regular and ready for hearing.

(2) Propose to the court the day and hour the appeal shall be heard.

(3) The time to be granted each party to present the case.

Manner of hearing appeal.

SEC. F. When the time appointed for the hearing of an appeal arrives, it shall have precedence over all other business, and shall be heard in manner following:

(1) The papers and record in the case, from beginning, shall be read in proper order, except what may be omitted by consent.

(2) The parties shall be heard, the appellant opening and closing.

(3) The vote shall then be separately taken, without debate, on each specification, the question being taken in form: "Shall the specification be sustained?" The specification being read by the clerk and the question

put by the president, the roll shall be called, and the vote taken. If no one of the specifications be sustained, and no error found, the judgment of the inferior court shall be affirmed. If one or more errors be found, the appellate court shall determine whether the judgment of the lower judicatory shall be reversed, or modified, or the case remanded for a new trial; and the judgment, accompanied with a recital of the error or errors found, shall be entered on the record. If the judicatory deem it wise, an explanatory minute may be adopted, which shall be a part of the record of the case.

Manner of deciding it.

SEC. G. The parties to a case, and those who acted as prosecutors, attorneys, counselors, or representatives of plaintiff or defendant, and also those who voted on the decision of a case in any of the lower courts, shall have no vote in the appellate court in the review of a judicial case, on any question touching the same. In the revision, however, of any other, except a judicial case, every member of said appellate court shall have the right to vote.

Excluded from voting on appeal.

SEC. H. The decision of the last court to which an appeal is taken is valid and binding.

Decision to be final.

RESTORATION.

ARTICLE 160. Members of the church, deacons, elders, licentiates or ministers, who are under discipline, may be reinstated either by the church court, which disciplined them, or with its official consent by a co-ordinate church court; *provided*, however, the evidence of their repentance and amendment is satisfactory. The reinstatement of a minister shall not be final, until it is approved by synod.

Restoration.

A minister, who has been deposed for the sin of adultery or fornication, or for any offense that affixes a public scandal to his character, which no after repentance can remove, ought not to be restored to the ministry.

ARTICLE 161. If a minister be not excommunicated, he shall be considered entitled to the rights of a lay-member, and classis shall furnish him with a certificate to any congregation, with which he may desire to connect himself, in which shall be stated his exact relation to the church.

Rights of a Minister not excommunicated.

ARTICLE 162. All laws and ordinances heretofore passed or adopted by any judicatory of the Reformed Church in the United States and now considered valid and in force, that are not in harmony with, or are contrary to any of the articles and provisions of this constitution, are hereby repealed and declared null and void.

Repealing clause.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod, reported in item 11 that a special committee was continued, having been raised in 1884, under item 10 in the report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of English Classes, with instructions to report to this synod. Thereupon the committee presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee would report that the two items of an overture of Philadelphia Classis to General Synod, (Min. 1884, page 87) inadvertently omitted at the meeting at Baltimore, on which a deliverance is asked for, are as follows:

b.) The reception of persons into the church by re-profession.

c.) The appointment of a day as an annual day of prayer for colleges and seminaries.

b.) The constitution prescribes three different modes of receiving persons into membership of the church, namely, (1,) by baptism and confirmation, (2,) on the presentation of a certificate of dismissal from an acknowledged ecclesiastical body, and (3,) in the absence of such credentials, by re-profession.

In reference to the latter mode, the practice amongst us greatly varies. In some churches such applicants become members by simply paying a fixed amount annually for its support. In other instances the name of the applicant is presented to the consistory and a resolution passed as to their admissibility or inadmissibility, the persons themselves never appearing before the spiritual council, or the congregation, thus remaining comparative strangers to both.

In reference to this item your committee beg leave to submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That all persons applying for admission into the church, having no valid certificate of church membership, shall be strictly examined as to their moral and spiritual qualifications before they are admitted, by the spiritual council, and that their reception thereafter be accomplished formally by the pastor, in the presence of either the congregation or the spiritual council. Furthermore, be it

Resolved, That a suitable formula be prepared for the reception of persons to church membership by re-profession,

and that the same be hereafter uniformly used on such occasions.

c.) In regard to the other item, your committee recommend the following action, viz :

Resolved, That the pastors and members of our church be earnestly requested to remember in their public and private prayers all literary and theological institutions, but especially those of our own communion, imploring the Holy Spirit so to influence their teachers and students, as to promote true knowledge and the cause of Christ in general.

Respectfully submitted.

NICHOLAS GEHR,

Chairman.

Mercersburg Classis, as reported during Monday afternoon session, in item 19, by the Standing Committee on Minutes of English Classes, requested General Synod to give a deliverance in regard to the meaning of Article 49 of the constitution of the Church, with a special reference to the *time* of electing delegates by classis to synod.

On motion, the following deliverance was adopted :

Resolved, That it is the sense of the General Synod that Article 49 of the Constitution does not require that the election of delegates to higher judicatories by the classes be deferred until all other business has been transacted, as the constitution simply enumerates the items of business to be attended to, and does not define the order in which they shall be taken up.

THE DIRECTORY OF WORSHIP.

1. *Distribution of Directory of Worship.*

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod, during the morning session on Friday, reported in item 8 that the stated clerk was instructed to forward one copy of the Directory of Worship to each of the stated clerks of the respective classes, and to inform said clerks by letter in regard to the further action of the synod on the subject. In response the following report was received and adopted :

It is hereby reported that, in accordance with the action of the last General Synod in the matter, through the efficient co-operation of Mr. Rudolph F. Kelker, Chairman of the Publishing Committee, a copy of the Directory of Worship was forwarded to each stated clerk of the respective classes, accompanied by an explanatory circular on the part of Mr. Kelker. I also informed each of said clerks by circular letter respecting the further action of the synod on the subject in question.

As to the number of copies circulated or sold, I can not speak definitely, but I presume this fact will be reported by the Publishing Committee, or indicated in the report of the treasurer of synod.

Respectfully submitted.

ISAAC H. REITER,
Stated Clerk.

2. *Report on Publication of Directory of Worship.*

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the morning session on Saturday, reported in item 18 the reception of the report of the Committee on Publication of the Directory of Worship, and also a supplement exhibiting the vote of the several classes on the question of the constitutional adoption or rejection of the Directory of Worship. The report, having been first referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of English Classes, was read during the morning session on Monday, and adopted; and is as follows:

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—The undersigned surviving members of the committee appointed by the General Synod of 1884 “to take charge of the publication of all future editions of the Directory of Worship, and to whom were transferred the remaining copies of the first edition of the Directory of Worship to dispose of them at such place and upon such conditions as may seem best in their judgment,” respectfully beg leave to report:

That in pursuance of the authority thus vested in them, and with a view to fulfill the instructions of General Synod,

they on the 17th of April, 1885, addressed a letter to the stated clerk of each of the fifty-two classes, of which the following is a copy:

DEAR BROTHER:—If your classis has already either approved or rejected the Directory of Worship for the Reformed Church in the United States, approved by General Synod at Baltimore, in May, 1884, please send us a certified copy of their action in the premises.

If no action has yet been taken thereon, please advise us without delay, in the manner aforesaid of the action which may be taken at your approaching annual meeting. We ask particular attention to this request, as it is *exceedingly important* that we should possess the information sought, as soon as possible.

Address your reply to the chairman of this committee, at Harrisburg, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania.

Yours in Christian fellowship and love,

RUDOLPH F. KELKER,
LEWIS H. STEINER,
THOMAS J. CRAIG,
BENJAMIN KUHN.

Surviving members of the Publishing Committee of the Directory of Worship appointed by General Synod.

On the 14th day of October, 1885, replies having by that time been received from all the classes excepting San Francisco, the committee met in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Present, Elders Lewis H. Steiner, M. D., Benjamin Kuhns, Christian G. Gross, Treasurer of General Synod, in the place of his sainted father then lately deceased, and Rudolph F. Kelker, chairman. A letter was received and read from Elder Thomas J. Craig, regretting his inability to attend. On examining the official returns of the respective classes, they were found to be as follows:

I. SYNOD IN THE UNITED STATES—9 CLASSES.

Approved by East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Lancaster, West Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Tohickon and Lehigh. 8.

The Classis of East Susquehanna has postponed action until its meeting in 1886.

II. THE SYNOD OF OHIO.—10 CLASSES.

Approved by Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio, Northern Illinois, Shelby, Iowa, St. Joseph and Kansas. 10.

III. SYNOD OF NORTHWEST.—9 CLASSES.

Approved by Zion's, Minnesota, Nebraska and Chicago. 4.
Rejected by Sheboygan, Milwaukee, Ursinus and Missouri. 4.
Abstained from voting, Indiana. 1. "This classis declined to vote for or against an English liturgy, and leaves it to the decision of those classes in which an English liturgy is required."

IV. SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—5 CLASSES.

Approved by Westmoreland, Clarion, St. Paul's, Somerset and Allegheny. 5.

V. SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.—10 CLASSES.

Approved by Zion's, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Juniata and Portland-Oregon. 7.

Approved conditionally by Carlisle. 1.

Rejected by Mercersburg. 1.

Unheard from, San Francisco. 1.

VI. GERMAN SYNOD OF THE EAST.—5 CLASSES.

Approved by New York, German Philadelphia, and West Pennsylvania. 3.

Rejected by West New York and German Maryland. 2.

VII. CENTRAL SYNOD.—4 CLASSES.

Approved by Heidelberg and St. John's. 2.

Rejected by Erie. 1.

Abstained from voting, Cincinnati. 1. "Abstained from voting on an English edition of the Directory of Worship."

SUMMARY.

Number of classes in existence at the time of meeting of General Synod in 1884.....	52
Number of classes required by the Constitution to make the Directory of Worship an ordinance of the church (two-thirds).....	35
Number approved.....	39
Number rejected.....	8
Number approved conditionally	1
Not yet reported.....	2
Abstained from voting.....	2
Total.....	52

More than the required number of classes having voted to approve the Directory, the following resolution was offered by Elder L. H. Steiner and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the chairman of this committee be and hereby is authorized to have subsequent editions of the Directory of Worship printed and bound whenever the demand for copies over and above the number now on hand may justify such publication.

The chairman reported that five hundred and eighty-one copies of the edition printed for use of General Synod remained on hand, and he was unanimously directed to have two hundred of the same bound in cloth and the remainder in imitation morocco. The price of those to be bound in cloth was fixed at fifty cents, and in imitation morocco at one dollar per copy.

The chairman was also authorized to place the Directory on sale at Philadelphia, Cleveland and Dayton as soon as arrangements could be made. All moneys arising from the sale thereof payable to Christian G. Gross, treasurer of General Synod, (P. O. box 1226,) 3716 Haverford St., Philadelphia.

The traveling expenses of Elders Kuhns, Gross and Steiner, were then paid by the treasurer of General Synod, amounting in all to forty-six dollars and fifty cents (\$46.50) and were immediately donated by them to the Board of Foreign Missions.

In pursuance of the directions of the committee, the chairman made the following disposition of the remaining copies of the Directory of Worship after they had been bound, the various publication houses receiving them, to sell them at the prices fixed by the committee, and to account for the proceeds to Elder Christian G. Gross, treasurer of General Synod.

To Reformed Publication Board, Philadelphia, Rev. Charles G. Fisher, Superintendent, viz:

1. 110 copies (cloth) at 50 cents.	\$55 00
One-third off.	18 33
	—————\$36 67
231 copies (im. Morocco) at \$1.	\$231 00
One-fourth off.	57 75
	—————173 25
	—————\$209 92

2. Reformed Publishing Co, Dayton, Ohio, viz:

132 copies (im. Morocco) at \$1.....	\$132 00	
One-fourth off.....	33 00	
		99 00
68 copies (cloth) at 50 cents.....	\$34 00	
One-third off.....	11 33	
		22 67
		\$121 67

3. German Publishing House, Cleveland, Ohio, Rev. A.

Becker, Agt., viz:

12 copies (im. Morocco) at \$1.....	\$12 00	
One fourth off....	3 00	
		9 00
12 copies (cloth) at 50 cents.....	\$6 00	
One-third off.....	2 00	
		4 00
		\$13 00
		\$344 59

4. The chairman sold for cash a few copies for \$6.59 net.

This sum was applied towards the expenses paid by him for expressage, telegrams, and boxing and shipping the books.

The treasurer of synod paid Lane S. Hart for binding, in full, \$205.00.

The committee would add that, by an official letter received by the chairman dated June 18, 1886, East Susquehanna Classis had rejected the Directory.

The committee record with profound sorrow the departure from this life of two of their members, viz: Elder William D. Gross and Elder Thomas J. Craig. They now rest from their labors and sleep in Jesus. Their love for the Reformed Church was evinced by their assiduous devotion for many years to her interests, both local and general. Unblemished in their reputation, they have left a bright and shining example worthy of imitation by all who love the Savior's name.

Respectfully submitted.

RUDOLPH F. KELKER,
LEWIS H. STEINER,
CHRISTIAN G. GROSS,
BENJAMIN KUHN.

Committee.

HARRISBURG, May 20, 1887.

3. *Constitutional Adoption of Directory of Worship.*

The Standing Committee on Minutes of English Classes, during the evening session on Saturday, reported in item 2, *a*,) the names of the classes approving the adoption of the Directory of Worship, and *b*,) of those disapproving thereof. This item, together with the supplement accompanying the report of the Committee on Publication of the Directory of Worship, was referred to a special committee, consisting of the chairmen of the committees on minutes of classes and of the committees on minutes of district synods, namely: Revs. Dr. William Rupp, Dr. Peter Greding, Dr. Edmund R. Eschbach, John F. Busche, Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger, John A. Peters, John M. Kendig, John H. Stepler and Charles F. Kriete.

This committee, during the morning session on Tuesday, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your special committee to whom was referred the official report of the committee having in charge the publication of the Directory of Worship, together with certificates of the stated clerks of the classes, addressed to said committee, and certifying the action of the classes on the Directory of Worship, would respectfully report, that having examined these documents, they find that thirty-nine classes have voted to approve of the Directory of Worship, nine classes have voted to disapprove of the same, four classes have abstained from voting, and one classis has not been heard from.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM RUPP. *Chairman.*

Immediately after the adoption of the foregoing report, on motion, the following action was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Directory of Worship has received the affirmative vote of the number of classes required by the constitution for adoption of an ordinance in the church; therefore

Resolved, That the said Directory of Worship is hereby declared to be constitutionally adopted as the Directory of Worship in the Reformed Church in the United States.

4. *Committee on Publication of Directory of Worship.*

Rudolph F. Kelker, Harrisburg, Pa.

Lewis H. Steiner, M. D., Frederick, Md.

Benjamin Kuhns, Dayton, Ohio.

Christian G. Gross,* Philadelphia, Pa.

St. John's Classis, as reported by the Standing Committee on Minutes of German Classes in item 8, *b*,) overtures General Synod to have a free German translation made of the Directory of Worship. On motion, it was

Resolved, That the request be granted, and that Rev. Dr. Nicholas Gehl, Dr. Peter Greiding and Prof. John Van Haagen be appointed to translate the Directory of Worship, and report the translation in printed form to the next General Synod.

REPORT ON PREPARATION OF ENGLISH HYMN BOOK.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod, during the morning session on Friday, reported in item 9 that a committee was appointed to prepare a new English Hymn Book for the whole English portion of the Reformed Church in the United States. Thereupon the committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The undersigned members of said committee beg leave to report: That having received no call for a meeting from the chairman of the committee, Dr. J. S. Kieffer, after waiting for nearly two years, we were, upon inquiry, informed by the stated clerk that the chairman had resigned as a member of the committee.

Under the circumstances the remainder of the committee, in view of the short time remaining, felt unwilling to proceed in so great a work.

Your committee, however, take pleasure in reporting to your reverend body that the Revs. John M. Schick and

*NOTE.—By some oversight, the General Synod took no action to fill the vacancies in the permanent Committee on Publication of the Directory of Worship, caused by the death of Wm. D. Gross and Thos. J. Craig. But as, according to the action of synod in 1884, the Treasurer of General Synod is to be a member thereof, the name of the present treasurer was added.—*Stated Clerk.*

Hiram King have prepared a collection of hymns from the "Reformed Hymnal," and "Hymns for the Reformed Church," numbering 580 hymns, which is respectfully presented for your consideration.

We would also respectfully ask to be relieved from further service on this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. KENDIG,
JAMES I. GOOD.

On motion, in this connection, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the collection of hymns selected by Revs. John M. Schick and Hiram King, and reported by the hymn book committee appointed by the synod in 1884, be referred to a special committee to report some action in regard thereto.

This special committee consists of Revs. Calvin S. Gerhard, John C. Bowman, Dr. John Vogt, and Elders Ephraim B. Shuey and Robert Bell.

This committee, during the afternoon session on Tuesday, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee on the Hymn Book, presented by a member of synod, respectfully report that in their judgment, the subject is too important to be finally acted upon at this meeting of synod, as the time is too brief to make a thorough examination of the book. We therefore recommend the following:

Resolved, That a committee, consisting of Revs. Harry M. Kieffer, John A. Hoffheins, John M. Schick and Dr. H. H. W. Hibschan be appointed, to whom the book under consideration be referred for examination, with instructions to present a hymnal to the next General Synod for approval, consisting either of the book before us, or such a collection as the committee deem best adapted to the needs of the Reformed Church in the United States.

We further report that the paper on hymnology, referred to to your committee, has been carefully considered, and that its contents do not require any action at our hands.

The overture from Lebanon Classis, requesting the General Synod to prepare an English hymn book for the use of the whole church, is covered in our first resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. GERHARD,
J. C. BOWMAN,
J. VOGT,
E. B. SHUEY,
ROBERT BELL.

Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this synod be tendered to Rev. John M. Schick for his labors in the preparation of a hymn book.

DIGEST OF DECISIONS OF SYNODS.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod, during the afternoon session on Friday, reported in item 12 that a committee was appointed to prepare "a digest of the decisions of the several synods of the Reformed Church in the United States, having appellate or original jurisdiction on questions of doctrine, morals, customs and constitutional interpretation." (Min. 1884, page 97.) On motion, this item was laid on the table until the said committee report, and the president of synod (Rev. Geo. Wm. Welker, D. D.) was appointed as chairman of the committee.

The committee, during the afternoon session on Tuesday, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee on preparation of a Digest of the decisions of the several synods for the use of the church, would report that, owing to peculiar circumstances, the committee was never called together, and nothing has been done in the way of such preparation.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. WELKER,
EDMUND R. ESCHBACH.

On motion, the following action was adopted with reference to the matter of a digest and committee thereon:

Resolved, That the committee on a digest of the decisions

of the several synods be reorganized and be composed of seven members; and that this committee report their work to the next General Synod.

The committee, as appointed, consists of Revs. Dr. George W. Welker, Dr. Edmund R. Eschbach, Dr. Isaac H. Reiter, John P. Stein, Elder Christian M. Boush, Revs. Ellis N. Kremer and Cyrus Cort.

REFORMATION FESTIVAL.

The Central Synod, as reported in item 2 by the Standing Committee on Minutes of said synod, during the evening session on Monday, requested the General Synod "to desist" from changing the *time* of the Reformation Festival.

With respect to this request, on motion, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That, while the General Synod continues its recommendation for Reformation Day, as made at Baltimore in 1884, it is not to be construed in such a way as to interfere with the freedom of the brethren of the Central Synod in retaining their custom of celebrating the Reformation on the 31st of October.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of the Synod in the United States, during the afternoon session on Thursday, reported in item 4 that said synod petitioned General Synod to set apart Reformation Day for special offerings in aid of theological education. This item was adopted, and the subject matter referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger, John A. Peters and Elder Christian M. Boush.

This committee reported, during the morning session on Tuesday, when item 16 in the report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of English Classes, having reference to special collections on Reformation Day in aid of theological education, was taken up and considered in connection with this report. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the request of the Synod in the United States, (Min. 1886, page 81,) that special collections be taken on Reformation Day in aid of theological

education, and kindred items, beg to report the following recommendations:

That the churches within the bounds of this synod be earnestly requested to take up contributions at their celebration of Reformation Day on the third Sunday in January (or any other day they may adopt,) in aid of the theological schools of our church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. A. BOMBERGER,
JOHN A. PETERS,
CHRISTIAN M. BOUSH.

Committee.

WICHITA CLASSIS AND A NEW SYNOD AUTHORIZED, &C.

Wichita Classis, as reported in item 6, by the Standing Committee on Minutes of English Classes, during the morning session on Monday, asked General Synod to be enrolled and recognized as a member of the Ohio Synod. Also, the said committee at the same session reported in item 7 that Northern Illinois and Kansas Classes petitioned General Synod to constitute a new district synod of the classes of Northern Illinois, Iowa, Kansas and Wichita; and that Kansas Classis further requested that authority be given by General Synod to organize said new synod in the St. Paul's Reformed Church, of Kansas City, Missouri, September 29, A. D., 1887, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening.

Moreover, the Standing Committee on Minutes of the Ohio Synod, during Monday evening session, reported in item 7 that the Ohio Synod recommended to the General Synod the organization of a new district synod.

These items, on motion, were referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. Geo. W. Williard, Oliver H. Strunck and Elder Christian M. Boush. This committee, during the morning session on Tuesday, submitted their final report, which was received and adopted:

The committee to whom the Minutes of the Wichita Classis, in which they ask recognition by this synod, and the action of the Synod of Ohio respecting the organization of a new synod, were referred, would respectfully report:

That they have carefully considered the documents placed in their hands, and respectfully report as follows :

1. That the request of the Wichita Classis be granted, as they have fully complied with the instructions of the Synod of Ohio, as is evident from their minutes upon the subject as referred to your committee.

2. That the Synod of Ohio at its sessions in Cedarville, Ill., gives its consent and also recommends to this General Synod the organization of a new synod as soon as the required number of classes so request, giving its consent to the Northern Illinois, Iowa, and Kansas Classes to go into such organization, and instructing the Kansas Classis to divide so that the requisite number of classes be found to constitute said new synod.

3. That four classes now uniting in the request to this General Synod, viz., the Northern Illinois, Iowa, Kansas and Wichita, to be constituted a district synod, your committee would recommend that their request be granted, and said synod be constituted by this General Synod; and that the place and time of the meeting for organization be the St. Paul's Reformed Church, in Kansas City, Mo., September 29th, A. D., 1887, at 7:30 p. m., and that Rev. Dewalt S. Fouse preside on the occasion.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. WILLIARD,

Chairman.

SEAL OF GENERAL SYNOD.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod, during the morning session on Saturday, reported in item 13 that the officers of General Synod were appointed a committee to provide a seal for the use of said synod. In affirmation of the discharge of the duty assigned, the following report was received and adopted:

The officers of the General Synod, having been appointed in 1884 (Min. p. 98) a committee to provide an official seal for the use of the General Synod, would respectfully report :

That the committee, after some correspondence and consultation, mutually agreed upon the plan, form and device of the seal, impressions of which are herewith submitted for the

examination of synod. The seal, which is circular in form and two inches in diameter, may be thus briefly described:

The device. In the center is an open Bible, on which rest a cross and anchor, emblematical of faith and hope, with the word love above the Bible, a fitting representation of the spirit and genius of the Reformed Church. Faith abideth in the sense of confidence in God and Christ, and hope as the joyous looking forward to a blessed eternity, while love, the root and ground of faith and hope, is the greatest of the three, and will abide forever. And all these (Bible, faith, hope and love) are adorned with a crown, which is symbolic of victory, exaltation and glory. The two keys, crossing each other under the Bible, and protruding on the right and the left, are significant as a symbol of authority, which, in its relation to the church, is to be exercised with intelligent consideration and Christian firmness, and in accordance with the principles of truth and right, while all things are to be permeated and tempered with the spirit of love.

The motto, placed in the inner circle, below the Bible, is IMMANUEL, which being interpreted, God with us. And if God be with and for us, who can be against us? In Him is life, and wisdom, and power, and redemption!

The title, together with the year of its organization, is appropriately placed between the outer and inner circles of the seal, and reads: "The General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States. 1863."

The seal, which is regarded as beautiful in design, symmetrical in arrangement, and significant in sentiment, was manufactured by Mr. F. I. Hoefle, engraver, Cincinnati, Ohio. It works well, and makes a full and distinct impression. The total cost, including the press and expressage, was \$8.25, which has been settled by the treasurer.

In behalf of the committee.

Respectfully submitted.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

Schuykill Classis, as reported in item 13, by the Standing Committee on Minutes of English Classes, during the morning session on Monday, requested General Synod to provide separate columns for deaths of confirmed and unconfirmed

members in the statistical tables, and also columns for Sunday-school teachers and officers. In regard to this request, on motion, it was

Resolved, That this request be granted so far as to add one column to the statistical table, headed Sunday-school teachers and officers, giving the number.

On motion, the following action in regard to a revision of the several Forms was adopted :

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to revise all existing formulas, and prepare other formulas necessary for the use of our pastors, congregations, judicatories and institutions, and report in printed form a full set of necessary formulas in the English and the German language to the next General Synod.

The committee, as appointed, consists of Revs. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Jacob Dahlman, D. D., and Christian M. Boush, Esq.

On motion,

Resolved, That the attention of classes and of stated clerks of classes be called to the action of the General Synod, in reporting the names of delegates to the General Synod at least thirty days before each triennial meeting to the Stated Clerk of General Synod.

On motion, during Tuesday morning session, it was

Resolved, That Rev. Jacob Dahlman, D. D., Assistant Clerk, because of special pastoral duty, be excused for the remainder of this day, and that Rev. Charles F. Kriete be appointed to take his place as Assistant Clerk, *pro tempore* for the time being.

ARTICLE XIX.

SYNODICAL ARCHIVES.

1. The Standing Committee on Overtures reported in items 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 17, *a.*) and *d.*), that certain books and pamphlets had been referred to them, and which, having been acted upon, were ordered to be placed in the archives of synod.

2. The Standing Committee on the State of the Church presented a report, carefully prepared by the Stated Clerk, containing an alphabetical list of all the ministers of the Reformed Church who have died during the intervening three years from May, 1884, to June 1, 1887. The report was accepted and appears in a foot note in connection with the report on the State of the Church.

3. In memoriam of Elder William D. Gross, late treasurer of synod, the following action was adopted:

WHEREAS, The General Synod has heard with sorrow of the death of its late treasurer, Brother William D. Gross, at his home in Philadelphia; therefore

Resolved, That we hereby testify our appreciation of his high Christian character and worth, and that we tender our sincere sympathy to the family of the deceased, praying that the blessing of God and the comfort of the Spirit may be theirs in the time of their affliction.

Resolved, That the stated clerk be requested to send a copy of this action of synod to the family of the deceased.

ARTICLE XX.

FINANCE.

The following reports and items of a financial character claimed the attention of the General Synod during its present sessions:

I. REPORT OF TREASURER OF GENERAL SYNOD.

WILLIAM D. GROSS, *Treasurer, in account with the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

DR.

1884.

RECEIPTS.

May 9,	To balance in treasury.	\$1,124 91
" "	Cash from sale of copies of Directory of Worship, during session of synod.	83 60
" "	Cash from sale of copies of rules of General Synod.	7 75
" "	For Church Extension Claim, from D. B. Mauger, treasurer of Goshenhoppen Classis.	10 60
" 20, "	For Church Extension Claim, from J. Meily, treasurer of Synod in the United States, from Tohickon Classis \$35 00	
" " "	East Pennsylvania Classis.	50 00 85 00
Nov 3, "	From Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., treasurer of Ohio Synod, in full for assessment to Contingent Fund	235 00
" 20, "	Per Rudolph F. Kelker, amount of legacy of Elizabeth Dieffenbacher, Cass Co., Michigan, bequeathed to General Synod for Foreign and Home Mission purposes.	1,350 61

\$2,897 47

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1884.

EXPENDITURES.

May 14,	By cash to Rev. C. Clever, for expenses incurred during session of General Synod.....	40 00
" " "	" to Rev. J. H. Buser, one-third traveling expenses to General Synod.....	17 00
" " "	" to Rev. H. Bair, one-third traveling expenses to General Synod.....	15 00
" " "	" to Rev. E. Erb, one-third traveling expenses to General Synod.....	15 00
" " "	" to Rev. D. J. Greenwald, one-third traveling expenses to General Synod.....	21 00
" " "	" to H. E. Huber & Son, for printing records of committee.....	1 35
" " "	" to Price-Current Printing House, for printing 500 copies of the Rules of Order.....	12 00
" 31,	" to Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., salary as Stated Clerk of General Synod.....	125 00
June 2,	" R. F. Kelker, expenses as per bill.....	8 80
" 14,	" to Rev. M. Vitz, one-third traveling expenses to General Synod.....	14 00
Aug. 4,	" to Rev. Kefauver, traveling expenses to Synod of Reformed Church in America, at Grand Rapids, Mich.....	14 50
Oct. 4,	" to Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., for printing Minutes of General Synod, traveling expenses, stationery, &c., (see bill).....	565 40
" 18,	" traveling expenses of members of Committee for Revision of Constitution, meeting held at Meadville, Pa.....	
	Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D.	\$30 00
	" N. S. Strassburger.....	22 25
	" J. Bossard, D. D.	30 00
	" J. Dahlman, D. D.....	3 50
" 30,	" to German Publishing House, Cleveland, O., for printing German Minutes of General Synod, &c... ..	309 71
Nov. 1,	" to Rev. J. Dahlman, D. D., Assistant Clerk of General Synod, his salary, traveling expenses to meeting of same, &c., (see bill).....	151 10
" 20,	" to R. F. Kelker, for expenses incurred in collecting legacy of Elizabeth Dieffenbacher, (see documents) ..	40 00
" " "	" to R. F. Kelker, treasurer of Foreign Missions, one-half share of legacy of Elizabeth Dieffenbacher	655 30
" " "	" to Chas. Sautec, treasurer of Home Missions of General Synod, one-half share of legacy of Elizabeth Dieffenbacher	655 31
Dec. 30,	by balance transferred to account of C. G. Gross, appointed treasurer <i>pro tem.</i> , by the officers of General Synod, Wm. D. Gross having died Dec. 7, 1884	151 25

 \$2,897 47

CHRISTIAN G. GROSS, *Treasurer pro tem.*, in account with the *General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

DR.

1884.

RECEIPTS.

Dec. 30, To balance from account of Wm. D. Gross, dec'd..... 151 25
1885.

July 2, " cash from F. W. Scheele, treasurer of Synod of North-
west, for Church Extension Claim, less rebate for inter-
est 3 months (see Min. page 101)..... 166 43
" " " " from F. W. Scheele, treasurer of Synod of North-
west, rebate of interest as above, credited to account
of assessment of contingent expenses..... 1 57
" 14, " " from Reformed Publishing Co., Dayton, O., for sale
of Directory of Worship..... 5 44
" " " " from H. Schroer, treasurer of Central Synod, in full
for assessment of Contingent Expenses..... 185 00

1886.

Jan. 14, " " from Reformed Publication Board, Philadelphia, for
balance due on Sept. 21st, 1885, for sale of Directory of
Worship .. 65 54
" " " " from R. F. Kelker, proceeds from sale of Directory of
Worship 6 59
July 15, " " from Geo. Hill, Esq., treasurer of East Susquehanna
Classis, for account of Contingent Fund assessed
against Synod in the United States..... 100 00
" 27, " " from John Meily, treasurer of the Synod in the Unit-
ed States, being balance in full for assessment of Con-
tingent Expenses..... 720 00
Sept. 4, " " from C. Breidenbach, treasurer of the German Synod
of the East, in full for assessment of Contingent Ex-
penses..... 115 00
" 23, " " from F. W. Scheele, treasurer of the Synod of North-
west, balance in full for assessment of Contingent Ex-
penses (\$1.57 received July 2, 1885)..... 153 43
" " " " from F. W. Scheele, treasurer of the Synod of North-
west, in full for assessment for Harbor Mission 155 00

1887.

Feb. 3, " " from Henry Wirt, treasurer of the Synod of Potom-
ac, in full for assessment for Contingent Expenses..... 345 00
May 9, " " from Reformed Church Publication Board, at Phila.,
per Rev. C. G. Fisher, for sale of Directory of Worship,
to date, as per statement rendered..... 31 33
" 4, " " from Rev. John H. Prugh, acting treasurer of Pitts-
burgh Synod, in full for assessment for Contingent
Expenses 145 00
" 19, " " from Reformed Publishing Co., Dayton, O., for sale of
Directory of Worship..... 38 42

\$2,385 00

May 19, to balance in treasury.....\$1,223 63

1885.

EXPENDITURES.

Jan. 2,	By cash, to Geo. Junkin, Esq., for the indebtedness of the General Synod to the Alliance of the Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian system.....	288 00
" 12, "	" to Mrs. S. Wildasin (per Rev. Samuel L. Runkel,) for traveling expenses to General Synod of Elder Samuel Wildasin, Wilton, Iowa.....	17 00
May 26 "	" to Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., bill due him as Stated Clerk of General Synod	9 50
Aug. 17 "	" to the following members of Committee on Revision of Constitution, in session Aug. 4, 1885, at Akron, O.: Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D.....\$28 00 Rev. N. S. Strassburger..... 25 00 Rev. J. B. Kniest, D. D..... 30 00 C. M. Bousch, Esq. 7 25 N. L. Brewer, Esq. 6 60	96 85
Oct. 14, "	" to the following members of Committee on Publication of Directory of Worship, met at Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 14, 1885, traveling expenses: Benjamin Kuhns..... \$35 00 Dr. L. H. Steiner..... 5 00 C. G. Gross, Treas..... 6 40	46 40
Nov. 18 "	" to Inquirer Printing Co., of Lancaster, Pa. for printing 500 copies of Constitution.....	40 00
Dec. 7, "	" to Lane S. Hart, for binding 578 copies of Directory of Worship	205 00
1886.		
Jan. 15, "	" to Wm. H. Seibert, treasurer of Mission, being amounts received for Church Extension claim as follows: May 9, 1884, of Goshenhoppen Classis..... \$10 60 " 20, " of Tohickon Classis..... 35 00 " " " of East Pennsylvania Classis..... 50 00 July 2, 1885, Synod of Northwest..... 166 43	262 03
" " "	" to R. F. Kelker, for expressage, &c., for sending copies of Directory of Worship to publishing houses in Philadelphia, Cleveland, O., and Dayton, O., on sale	6 59
Sept. 29 "	" to Chas. Santee, treasurer of Home Missions of General Synod, for assessment for Harbor Mission received of Synod of Northwest.	155 00
1887.		
Mar. 29, "	" to members of Committee on Translation of Constitution, met at Meadville, Pa., traveling expenses: Rev. J. B. Kniest, D. D. \$29 00 Rev. J. Dahlman, D. D. 5 50 C. M. Bousch, Esq. 50	35 00
May 19,	By balance in treasury.	1,223 63

 \$2,385 00

Respectfully submitted.

CHRISTIAN G. GROSS,

Treasurer pro tem.

II. REPORT ON STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Standing Committee on Finance, during the morning session on Wednesday, submitted the following report, which was received, and, together with the report of the treasurer, adopted:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report the following items as having come into their hands, to wit:

1. The report of the Treasurer of General Synod.
2. The action of synod granting one-half of the traveling expenses of the delegates to General Synod from Kansas and Wichita Classes, and one-third of the traveling expenses of all other delegates from west of the Mississippi River.
3. Aid to the Reformed Church in Bohemia of \$800.00.
4. Harbor Missions to the amount of \$2,000.00.

We have examined the Report of the Treasurer of Synod, and compared it with vouchers on hand, and find it to be correct. The balance from the previous three years amounted to \$1,124.91 on hand, together with receipts in the interim amounts to \$4,006.31. The disbursements during the same time amounted to \$2,782.68, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$1,223.63.

The apportionment made by the last General Synod for contingent expenses, has been paid in full by the several district synods.

The one-half of the traveling expenses of the delegates from Kansas and Wichita Classes amounts to the following: Revs. D. B. Shuey, \$21.50; T. F. Stauffer, \$20.45; R. L. Gerhart, \$13.50; Elders J. H. Brown, \$21.50; and J. W. Keefer, \$18.00, being a total of \$94.95.

The traveling expenses of the other delegates from west of the Mississippi River are as follows: Revs. D. S. Fouse, \$9.00; C. Baum, \$8.70; G. Loos, \$8.00; and Elder J. R. Wetherell, \$11.00, being a total of \$36.70.

Your committee have apportioned the following amounts in round numbers among the several district synods, namely:

Contingent expenses.....	\$2,500 00
Bohemia Church aid	800 00
Harbor Missions.....	2,000 00

THE FOLLOWING IS THE APPORTIONMENT FOR EACH SYNOD :

Synods.	Members.	Contingent Expenses.	Bohemia Church Aid	Harbor Missions.	Total.
Synod in the U. S.	76,030	\$1,064 42	\$342 09	\$836 33	\$2,242 84
Synod of Ohio	20,691	290 07	93 15	227 60	610 82
Synod of the Northwest .	15,708	220 92	71 90	173 58	466 40
Synod of Pittsburgh	12,989	181 85	58 41	142 87	383 13
Synod of Potomac	30,674	429 44	138 16	337 41	904 91
Ger. Synod of the East...	12,153	170 44	54 72	133 58	358 44
Central Synod	15,735	220 29	70 83	173 08	464 20
	183,980	\$2,577 13	\$829 16	\$2,024 45	\$5,400 74

Your committee has also a paper of statements of accounts on the Directory of Worship by the Treasurer of General Synod, showing the amounts due from

Reformed Publication Board, Philadelphia.....	\$178 59
Reformed Publishing Company, Dayton.....	73 29
German Publishing House, Cleveland.....	13 00
	\$264 88

It is recommended that the treasurer elected at this synod continue to care for the accounts above mentioned, and that he make settlement for the same from time to time as occasion may require.

Respectfully submitted,
 GEORGE WOLFF,
 CALVIN S. GERHARD,
 THEODORE J. BACHER,
 JEREMIAH Z. HILDEBRAND,
 WILLIAM E. SCHMERTZ.

Committee.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted by synod:

Resolved, That the General Synod hereby appropriates forty dollars to Grace Reformed congregation for the use of its church during the sessions of synod, and instructs its treasurer to pay the same.

Resolved, That one-third of the traveling expenses of all the delegates to this synod from the classes west of the Mississippi River be paid by this synod, except the delegates from the Kansas and Wichita Classes, the one-half of whose traveling expenses shall be paid.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the General Synod be authorized to advance the amount of \$800.00 assumed by this synod for the relief of the Reformed Church of Bohemia, out of funds now in the treasury, this amount to be refunded to the treasury by the assessment made for said object upon the district synods.

ARTICLE XXI.

PUBLICATION.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod, during the morning session on Saturday, reported in item 14 that the stated clerk had been instructed to have 3,500 copies of the Minutes published in English, and 1,500 in German, and to make a proper distribution thereof. The following report was received and adopted:

The undersigned hereby reports that, according to the instructions of synod, he had 3,500 copies of the Minutes of the last General Synod officially published in the English, and, through the assistant clerk, 1,500 copies in the German language; and that they were distributed among the several district synods, in accordance with the rates of the apportionment for contingent expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk*.

On motion, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the stated clerk be instructed to have 4,000 copies of the Minutes of the present General Synod, duly authenticated, published in the English, and 2,000 in the German language, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

ARTICLE XXII.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

The Standing Committee on Nomination, during the morning session on Monday, submitted their report through the chairman, Rev. Samuel G. Wagner, D. D. The report was received, and as amended adopted, and the stated clerk was

instructed to have 500 copies of the nominations printed for the use of the synod. The election of boards and delegates was made the order of the day for three o'clock on Tuesday afternoon.

At the appointed time the election was held. Revs. Allen K. Zartman, George H. Souder, Elders James T. Reber and Horace Ankeney were appointed tellers, who, having distributed the tickets among the members of synod, received and counted the ballots, and subsequently reported the result. For the result of the election, see Articles XI., XIII., and XIV.

After the roll of the General Synod had been completed, and a quorum was found present, the several officers of the synod, except those holding their positions permanently, were duly elected, and entered upon the duties of their offices respectively. For the result of this election, see Article III., Election of Officers.

ARTICLE XXIII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE NEXT MEETING OF GENERAL SYNOD.

On motion, during the afternoon session on Tuesday, it was *Resolved*, That the synod now proceed to select the place and fix the time for its next triennial meeting.

The First Reformed Church of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, through its pastor and consistory, extended a cordial invitation to the General Synod to hold its next triennial meeting there.

Thereupon, on motion,

Resolved, That the General Synod hereby cheerfully accepts said invitation, and decides to hold its next triennial meeting in the First Reformed Church of Lebanon, Pa., and fixes the time to be the first Wednesday after Whit-Sunday, May 28, A. D., 1890, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening.

Resolved, That the General Synod open its sessions by a preparatory service on the evening of its convention, to be followed by the holy communion on the following morning.

RAILROAD ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT SYNOD.

On motion, the following action was adopted :

WHEREAS, Many ministers and elders were obliged to pay full fare on different railroads running to Akron, thus incurring at least \$200 additional expense to the church ; and

WHEREAS, Other religious bodies secure reduced rates to their meetings : therefore

Resolved, That a committee on railroad accommodations, consisting of Revs. Cyrus Cort, Jonas B. Shontz, Dennis B. Shuey, Dr. Geo. W. Welker, Dr. Isaac H. Reiter, and Dr. Franklin W. Kremer, be appointed to make arrangements accordingly for the delegates to the next meeting of the General Synod at Lebanon, Pa., in 1890.

On motion, during the morning session on Thursday, the following action was adopted :

WHEREAS, Rev. Charles M. Schaaf claims a seat in this body as a delegate from San Francisco Classis ; therefore

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to investigate said claim.

The committee consists of Revs. T. O. Stem, Dr. Geo. Wolff, Louis B. C. Lahr, Elders Henry L. Crider and William Stienecker. This committee, during the morning session on Saturday, submitted their report, which was received and adopted :

Your committee appointed to investigate the claim of Rev. Chas. M. Schaff to be recognized as a delegate to this body from San Francisco Classis, Synod of the Potomac, respectfully submit that no documents were referred to us, neither have we been able to secure any other definite information regarding the claim. In the absence of any official papers bearing on the case, we would recommend the following for adoption :

Resolved, That this synod can not recognize the Rev. C. M. Schaaf as a delegate from San Francisco Classis, and therefore deny his request to be seated as a member of this body.

Respectfully,

T. O. STEM, *Chairman*.

On motion, during the morning session on Thursday, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That Rev. Max F. Dumstreya be appointed as reporter for the German papers, including the *Reformirte Kirchenzeitung*.

Resolved, That a committee, consisting of Revs. John H. Prugh, Dr. J. Spangler Kieffer, Cyrus Cort and Michael Loucks, be appointed to report for the Associated Press and the church-papers.

The following report, during the afternoon session on the last day of the sessions, was submitted by the reporters, and it was received and adopted:

The committee appointed to report to the daily papers and the Associated Press, respectfully submit the following:

That they furnished reports to our church papers, and assisted in preparing reports for the *Daily Beacon* of Akron. On the basis of these reports furnished to the agent of the Associated Press in Cleveland through the sub-agent at Akron, we were informed that a daily dispatch would be forwarded to the papers throughout the country. In behalf of the committee,

Respectfully submitted,

CYRUS CORT.

The following action was adopted by synod with respect to the evils of intemperance:

Resolved, That we view with profound regret and sorrow the great evil of intemperance, and especially its sad and deadly fruits, crime, poverty, and temporal and eternal death, and that we here and now, before God and the nation, record our protest against it, and earnestly call upon our synods, classes and churches to unite with us in zealous and persistent Christian efforts, looking towards its speedy extermination.

During the morning session on Monday, on motion, Revs. Frederick A. Rupley, Franklin F. Bahner, and Elder Ezra E. Troutman were appointed a committee through whom all applications for leave of absence shall be made. This com-

mittee, through the chairman, Rev. F. A. Rupley, shortly before the final adjournment of synod, presented their report, which was accepted.

ARTICLE XXIV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

VOTE OF THANKS.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That this General Synod, in grateful acknowledgment of the kind hospitality we have enjoyed at the hands of the pastors and members of the Reformed Churches and citizens of Akron, hereby returns its hearty thanks, and invokes upon them the divine blessing; and we hereby instruct the stated clerk to furnish pastors Shontz and Dahlgman, and the synodical reporter, with a copy of this resolution, and request the former to read it from their pulpits, and the latter to publish the same in the city papers.

Resolved, That this synod acknowledges with thanks the courtesy shown it by the press of the city in publishing the acts and proceedings of this body.

Resolved, That the thanks of this synod are hereby tendered to B. F. Bond, Esq., General Ticket Agent of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and the road which he represents, for special favors granted to delegates to this synod; and also to A. E. Clark, Esq., Assistant General Passenger Agent of the New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio Railroad, for reduction of fare over all the railroads in the "Central Traffic Association."

The roll of the General Synod was called, and none were found absent without permission or excuse.

The minutes of the two sessions of to-day were read and approved; and they were then adopted as a whole, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXV.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States now adjourns to meet again in triennial sessions in the First Reformed Church at Lebanon, Pennsylvania, on the first Wednesday after Whit-Sunday, May 28, A. D., 1890, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening.

The General Synod adjourned on Wednesday, June 8, at a quarter after five o'clock in the afternoon, and closed its sessions with the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, uniting in the Lord's Prayer, and benediction by the president.

GEORGE WM. WELKER, *President*.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk*.

Official copy from the original minutes.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk*.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

THE SYNODS AND THE CLASSES.

MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconformed.	Bap- tisms.		Addi- tion.		Commenced.	Dis- missed.	Excom- municated.	Deaths.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'ry.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.							Benevolent Purposes.	Congrega- tional Purposes.	
I. SYNOD IN U. S.																	
East Pa. Classis.																	
Cyrus J. Becker	Howertown	2	600	475	38	1	19	8	475	4	10	4	420	2	\$2,250 00	\$2,250 00	Catasauqua, Pa.
Daniel F. Brendle, D. D.	Farmersville	3	618	412	61	38	4	525	18	8	17	6	375	1	181 00	1 237 00	Bethlehem, Pa.
Isaac K. Loose, D. D.	Bethlehem	1	629	421	31	23	10	490	8	4	18	1	430		275 00	1 800 00	Bethlehem, Pa.
E. W. Reinecke, D. D.	Plainfield	3	800	335	53	1	28	1	605	4	23	4	285		146 00	1 575 00	Nazareth, Pa.
Robt. Lisberger	St. Peter's	2	175	60	31	26	1	128	3	6	2	2	212		42 00	800 00	Bath, Pa.
Martin A. Smith	Dryland	3	870	550	19	4	70	17	600	2	12	3	400		178 00	1 300 00	Nazareth, Pa.
Charles W. Levan	Grace Chapel	1	112	80	22	3	4	91			5	1	111		30 00	932 00	Easton, Pa.
Tilghman O. Stem	St. Mark's	1	334	135	35	2	17	14	251	11	9	1	320		172 00	1 850 00	Easton, Pa.
Thomas A. Huber	Bangor	2	130	80	11	5	4	110			3	2	150		20 00	190 00	Bangor, Pa.
Joseph E. Freeman	Weissport	4	663	473	28	1	38	5	401	11	27	6	248		174 00	1 260 00	Weissport, Pa.
Wilson F. More	Catasauqua	1	174	215	13	5	10	143	3	28	1	1	220		40 00	381 00	Catasauqua, Pa.
John E. Smith	Moore Township	3	710	515	38	20	3	525			21	4	400	4	160 00	1 700 00	Bath, Pa.
James W. Mabry	Kridersville	2	700	550	37		7	525			24	5	450		170 00	1 200 00	Cherryville, Pa.
Geo W. Kerschner	Stroudsburg	3	310	160	15	1	55	7	225		14	4	190		64 00	887 00	Stroudsburg, Pa.
Frank W. Smith	Pleasant Valley	2	439	311	21	35	2	252	1		10	1	207		36 00	806 00	Gilbert's, Pa.
Albert R. Thompson	Mount Bethel	3	416	253	13	14	2	372	3		7	3	196	2	107 00	1 807 00	Stone Church, Pa.
Harry M. Kieffer	3d st. Ref., Easton, Pa.	1	455	250	11	2	32	15	364	8	11	3	415	3	1 763 00	11 337 00	Easton, Pa.
John Kretzing	Brodheads ville	4	630	225	52		43	520	3		24	4	400		97 00	2 000 00	Brodheads ville, Pa.
Jos. H. Schlappig	Kresgeville	4	380	100	53		2	50			4	4	80		6 00	100 00	Kresgeville, Pa.
I. K. Loos, D. D., supply	Rittersville	1	138	100	17		3	108			6	1	70		50 00	190 00	Bethlehem, Pa.
N. Z. Snyder, supply	Freemansburg	1	159	90	11		19	12	135		4	4	115		49 00	565 00	South Bethlehem, Pa.
J. E. Smith, supply	Bushkill Centre	1	109	60	3			57			5	1	50		8 00	150 00	Bath, Pa.
George B. Smith	Tannersville	4	355					535									Tannersville, Pa.
T. C. Porter, D. D., LL. D.	Prof. in Lafayette Col.																Easton, Pa.
Daniel Y. Heisler, D. D.	Without charge																Easton, Pa.
John J. Crist	Without charge																Catasauqua, Pa.
Charles Becker	Without charge																Scranton, Pa.
Horace Daniel	Without charge																Nazareth, Pa.

John M. Titzel, D. D.	1	419	160	16	8	36	22	350	14	11	1	304	\$650 00	\$2,127 00	Lancaster, Pa.
Joseph H. Dubbs, D. D.													do	do	do
Frederick A. Gast, D. D.													do	do	do
Darius P. Stein.	1	380	125	22	5	19	13	320	10	8	1	100	334 00	2,134 00	Harrisburg, Pa.
John W. Gerhard.	3	285	100	11	4	7	4	227	4	6	3	165	198 00	3,897 00	Millersville, Pa.
James W. Meminger	4	496	230	38	26	40	17	431	4	14	1	288	244 00	965 00	New Holland, Pa.
Stephen Schweitzer.	1	809	123	11	4	14	12	270	4	2	2	263	195 00	1,725 00	Lancaster, Pa.
Daniel C. Tobias	5	875	233	68	15	80	6	312	2	32	5	210	222 00	925 00	Lancaster, Pa.
Bethany	4	406	261	29	5	15	6	312		13	4	100	61 00	930 00	Littitz, Pa.
Prof. in F. & M. Col.															Lancaster, Pa.
2d church, Harrisburg	1	123	78	6	4	8	13	90	5	3	1	200	125 00	690 00	Harrisburg, Pa.
Geo. W. Snyder	2	258	188	2	9	15	4	224	4	2	2	220	143 00	731 00	N. Providence, Pa.
John M. Souder	4	263	118	4	1	1	1	201	1	4	2	260	67 00	1,050 00	Hummelstown, Pa.
Albert S. Stauffer	1	209	161	15	5	14	9	153	2	9	5	1	92 00	1,300 00	Columbia, Pa.
Jonah H. Pannebecker.	1	91	95	27	4	9	10	79	1	1	6	1	16 00	471 00	Lancaster, Pa.
St. Luke's, Lancaster	2	148	62	5	3	6	1	111	1	4	1	107	80 00	68 00	Elizabethtown, Pa.
Samuel P. Roeder	1	29	1		22		2								Elizabethtown, Pa.
Missionary to Japan															30 Kami, Tokio, Japan.
Without charge															Lancaster, Pa.
Newton J. Miller.	1	136	129	22	3	16	4	89	2	7	5	1	41 00	453 00	Marietta, Pa.
David B. Schneider.	2	184	130	8	15	28	10	164	3	6	5	2	201 00	1,427 00	Manheim, Pa.
Warren J. Johnson.															Lancaster, Pa.
John B. Kiefer, Ph. D., Lic.															Harrisburg, Pa.
Dept. Pub. Instruct'n.															" "
Zwingli.	1	71	29	10			5	55	2		1	35	8 00	230 00	Maytown, Pa.
Maytown	1	63	21	7			2	38			3	1	7 00	166 00	Lancaster, Pa.
Supt. of Missions															
A. Carl Whitmer															
Total, 25.	38	4873	2259	302	127	312	146	3965	65	23	122	36	\$2,903 00	\$21,279 00	
E. Susqueh. Classic.															
Rudolph Dnenger, D. D.	1	300	250	31		33	9	275	3	13	1	225	\$105 00	\$800 00	Ashland, Pa.
Adolph R. Hottenstine	3	306	192	33		13		237	2	7	4	182	98 00	850 00	Mahanoy, Pa.
Alfred Hontz	4	346	160	10	7	20	4	292	9	24	1	300	395 00	800 00	Orangeville, Pa.
Tilghman Derr	4	630	400	55	1	28		550		23	6	300	170 00	1,000 00	Conyngham, Pa.
William G. Engle	6	725	225	78	1	42	1	460	9	13	4	200	206 00	900 00	Pillow, Pa.
Geo. B. Dechant.	2	402	350	26	1	55	3	325	1	15	11	200	161 00	330 00	Catawissa, Pa.
Franklin K. Levan	1	400	385	62		17	9	800					\$70 00	\$1,330 00	Wilkesbarre, Pa.
Jacob B. Kerschner.	3	433	185	100		21	7	330	2	3	17	1	130 00	965 00	Millersburg, Pa.
Thomas J. Hacker.	1	517	463	193	4	49	28	467	7	3	17	1	320 00	1,657 00	Shamokin, Pa.
Sebastian C. Meckel	1	82	75	21		9	6	61	2		2	51	36 00	365 00	Plymouth, Pa.
William B. Sandoe	4	190	193	48	2	11	1	172		18	4	150	34 00	536 00	Ringtown, Pa.
Stephen Sidney Kohler	1	359	130	40	1	6	3	313	4	30	4	255	142 00	800 00	Rollender, Pa.
A. M. Maessenheimer	2	28	200	50		17	17	210		8	12	1	41 00	1,000 00	Weatherly, Pa.
Charles H. Nutschler	3	160	94	11	2	4		71			2	1	23 00	775 00	Dushore, Pa.
Joseph H. Hunsberger.	1	91	35	2									46 00	548 00	Fayette, N. Y.
George P. Hartzell	6	493	349	40	4	29	12	408	4	13	6	210	191 00	1,409 00	Sunbury, Pa.

William E. Hoy	For. Miss'y in Japan	5	312	190	16	1	2	1	278	8	13	5	280	\$264 00	Sendai, Japan.
John Dotterer	Rebersburg	3	459	170	11	6	26	12	445	16	14	3	215	\$381 00	Rebersburg, Pa.
Wm. D. Steckel	Mifflinburg	2	170	75	7	13	13	1	150	16	4	2	145	\$278 00	Mifflinburg, Pa.
Wm. H. H. Snyder	Bellefonte	55	4578	2798	318	32	304	173	4140	135	22	101	48	\$26,520 00	Bellefonte, Pa.
Total, 18.															
Goshenhopps. Classis.															
Clement Z. Weiser, D. D.	New Goshenhoppen	2	950	650	45		32	1	913	6	28	2	700	\$922 00	East Greenville, Pa.
L. Kryder Evans	Trinity, Pottstown	1	675	670	83	6	55	17	600	5	3	52	2	400 00	Pottstown, Pa.
Lucian J. Mayer	Boyetown	3	870	801	54		27	10	820	9	28	1	250	1,290 00	Boyetown, Pa.
Augustus L. Dechant	Old Goshenhoppen	4	650	250	41	3	11	8	827	10	20	5	406	286 00	Pennsburg, Pa.
Simon M. K. Huber	Wentz's	3	730	360	25	26	33	6	656	6	21	2	260	1,100 00	Skipackville, Pa.
Eli Keller, D. D.	Zionsville	4	955	550	74	2	13	7	800	21	33	4	450	337 00	Zionsville, Pa.
Isaac S. Stahr	Oley	2	475	500	48	1	35	2	565	4	3	26	5	958 00	Oley, Pa.
Cosmos H. Herbst	Pottstown	2	475	370	45	5	36	12	375	6	18	2	375	162 00	Pottstown, Pa.
Charles S. Wicand	Zion's, (Pottstown)	1	187	100	11	1	12	21	165	1	2	1	130	1,450 00	"
P. P. A. Hoffman	Hill	2	320	200	21			1	300	6	15	3	140	800 00	Reading, Pa.
John H. Leibach, sup	Amityville	1	275	150	8		43	1	250	3	9	3	100	570 00	Coopersburg, Pa.
Robert C. Weaver	Chestnut Hill	1	85	54	9				73	1	2	1	100	150 00	Spinnerville, Pa.
Henry L. Gerhart, Lic															
Total, 10.		28	6847	4655	464	44	297	86	6144	78	1	6	254	\$3,141 00	
Tohickon Classis.															
David Rothrock	Durham	2	625	308	19	2	29	4	473	5	2	18	4	\$157 00	Kintnersville, Pa.
Simon K. Gross	Ridge Valley	1	357	278	35		2		341		1	22	2	16 00	Schlichter's, Pa.
Levi C. Shelp	Doylstown	1	117	82	2		2	5	95			8	1	60 00	Doylstown, Pa.
Amandus F. Ziegler	Keller's	2	202	110	13		10	15	267	5		27	4	750 00	Bingen, Pa.
Jacob Kehm	Indian Creek	2	850	550	56	9	38	7	755	6				2,800 00	Sellersville, Pa.
Nathaniel Z. Snyder	South Bethlehem	2	390	270	46		23	14	283	2	9	14	3	1,025 00	S. Bethlehem, Pa.
Franklin J. Mohr	Quakertown	3	570	250	31		24	17	518	18	23	3	290	211 00	Quakertown, Pa.
James G. Dengler	Sellersville	3	450	175	18	2	11	12	424	2	1	12	5	1,125 00	Sellersville, Pa.
Robt. C. Weaver	Friedensville	3	618	390	80		12	12	507	1	1	40	11	139 00	Coopersburg, Pa.
Milton H. Mill	South Easton	1	185	145	22	1	15	4	142		5	2	208	730 01	S. Easton, Pa.
A. B. Koplin, D. D.	Lower Saucon	3	605	320	20		23	23	460	1	13	5		\$508 00	Hellertown, Pa.
H. F. Seple	Hilltown	2	390	227	18	10	28	4	386	5	1	3	2	660 00	Lansdale, Pa.
B. B. Ferer	Riegelsville	1	255	139	16	7	18	8	216	1	3	1		1,105 00	Riegelsville, Pa.
J. F. Rothrock	Lansdale	1	104	60	1	16	27	13	93	6	3	1	2	876 60	Lansdale, Pa.
St. John's or N. Will	St. John's or N. Will	1	135	71	5				91		3	1	2	105 00	Bethlehem, Pa.
D. F. Brendle, sup	Leidytown	1	138	20							2				
Vacant	Tinicum	3	380	132	18	2	26	2	271	4	14	4	110	409 00	
D. Rothrock, sup.	Springfield	3	540	280	15	1			258	2	15	4	150	1,082 00	
Jacob G. Dubbs															
Total, 15		36	7069	3797	414	47	274	117	5490	58	223	57	16	\$17,627 00	

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				Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.								Benevolent Purposes.	Congrega- tional Purposes.			
Lehigh Classis.																			
Wm. A. Helfrich, D. D.	Ziegel	850	700	135	51	750	65	4	35	10	600	5	\$450 00	\$5,600 00	Fogelsville, Pa.				
J. Sassaman Herman	Fleetwood.	630	400	125	35	510	3	30	30	6	400	165	3,000 00	3,000 00	Kutztown, Pa.				
Alfred J. Herman	Zion's	675	320	60	40	600	6	20	5	450	121	2,000 00	2,000 00	Maxatawny, Pa.					
Wm. R. Hoffer, D. D.	Egypt.	900	490	67	34	810	5	19	9	550	4	1,400 00	1,400 00	Allentown, Pa.					
Abm. Bartholomew	Nahoning	600	350	104	68	535	1	17	17	350	163	1,200 00	1,200 00	Lehighton, Pa.					
N. S. Strassburger, D. D.	Without charge														32 S. 7th St. Allentown.				
Edward J. Fogel	Jordan	900	60	52	58	835	12	31	8	3	419	2,200 00	2,200 00	Fogelsville, Pa.					
Samuel G. Wagner, D. D.	St. John's Reformed	470	242	16	16	12	356	5	17	1	452	833 00	2,954 00	114 S. 8th st. Allentown.					
Alfred J. G. Dubbs, D. D.	Salem's Reformed	1000	50	156	99	60	445	2	64	1	920	767 00	7,913 00	523 Walnut St. "					
Benjamin Weiss	Lehighville	550	275	58	40	445	2	21	8	290	2	100 00	1,600 00	Lehighville, Pa.					
Jared Fritzinger	St. Mark's (congru)	105	80	4	13	7	65	1	6	1	80	7 00	2,000 00	2,000 00	911 Ham. St. Allentown				
Thomas N. Reber	Macungie.	550	225	65	17	450	1	27	9	425	1	570 00	1,600 00	Allentown, Pa.					
Nathan C. Schaeffer, Ph. D	Prof. State Nor. Sch.														Kutztown, Pa.				
James N. Bachman	Jacksonville	800	600	105	41	680	1	45	5	550	2	218 00	2,500 00	2,500 00	Lynnport, Pa.				
William J. Peters	Friedens.	300	170	30	26	220	1	16	4	260	104	450 00	450 00	450 00	Slatington, Pa.				
Nevin W. A. Helfrich	His father's assistant														Fogelsville, Pa.				
John H. Leimbach	Kutztown	400	200	16	29	325	7	8	3	200	73 00	73 00	700 00	700 00	Reading, Pa.				
Edwin A. Gernant	Zion's Reformed	880	440	28	20	8	666	8	18	30	1	550	680 00	3,200 00	111 N. 8th St. Allentown				
Moses H. Diefenderfer	Christ's Reformed	138	96	9	5	4	82	3	18	2	1	200	36 00	512 00	28 N. 2d St. "				
Wm. M. Rely, Ph.D	Pres. Allen, Fem. Col.														Allentown, Pa.				
Alfred P. Horn	Summit Hill	188	115	12	29	8	108	1	10	1	90	64 00	933 00	933 00	Summit Hill, Pa.				
Geo. W. Stibitz	Lehighton	325	330	34	24	17	251	2	12	12	338	90 00	1,864 00	1,864 00	Lehighton, Pa.				
Neri F. Peters	Slatington.	280	160	24	24	210	175	20	20	1	240	106 00	550 00	550 00	Slatington, Pa.				
Elwood L. Kemp, Lic.	Lynnstown cong	200	125	20					8	1	70	1	45 00	170 00	170 00	Kutztown, Pa.			
Dr. Helfrich, supply	Emaus	80	40	6			70		3	1	130	40 00	100 00	100 00					
R. C. Weaver,	St. Peter's "	95	45	5			85		2	1	40	21 00	150 00	150 00					
A. Bartholomew, supply	"	145	55	9			115		4	1	75	13 00	700 00	700 00					
Benjamin Weiss, "	Blandon																		
Total, 23.		52	11009	6558	1140	7	645	129	9140	125	40	447	96	7260	22	\$5,429 00	\$43,296 00		

Schuykill Classis.

Aaron S. Leinbach, D. D.	5	1460	610	182	2	128	1400	5	50	8	615	\$215 00	\$1,635 00	Reading, Pa.
Jacob Kline	1	563	300	30	4	31	11 400	9	1	18	2 619	1	5,722 00	Schuykill Haven, Pa.
Chas. F. McCauley, D. D.	1	563	300	30	4	31	11 400	9	1	18	2 619	1	5,722 00	Reading, Pa.
Rufus W. Miller	1	650	300	31	3	35	19 535	10	11	2 539	1	1,579 00	4,408 00	"
Benj. Bausman, D. D.	1	625	500	80	31	31	11 550	4	25	1	475	200 00	1,500 00	"
Freud A. Keyser	1	625	500	80	31	31	11 550	4	25	1	475	200 00	1,500 00	Mahanoy City, Pa.
Fred. W. Dechant	5	575	475	25	6	56	415	2	24	5	410	91 00	1,000 00	Reading, Pa.
Henry Leisse	1	1000	500	99	2	50	21 980	25	56	2 194	1	1,176 00	4,312 00	Orwigsburg, Pa.
Henry Mosser	1	525	400	63	2	58	27 420	14	13	1 440	1	110 00	2,300 00	611 Wash. st., Reading.
John W. Steinmetz	1	525	400	63	2	58	27 420	14	13	1 440	1	110 00	2,300 00	Reading, Pa.
Allen R. Bartholomew	1	232	200	23	1	10	17 219	6	4	3	200	185 00	2,700 00	Pottsville, Pa.
John J. Fisher	3	365	200	50	1	14	2 300		1	13	3 300	1	1,275 00	Tamaqua, Pa.
Percy Y. Schellley	3	675	468	60	1	24	7 489	6	1	22	7 313	221 00	1,486 00	Sanford, Fla.
Willoughby Donat	2	235	185	18	12	5	180	3	2	2	200	66 00	1,870 00	Schuykill Haven, Pa.
Vacant	1	137	105	19	1	23	10 146		7	1	175	43 00	816 00	Pottsville, Pa. (Mill'bg)
J. Alvin Reber	4	435	255	42	2	58	1 310		11	4	460	1	485 00	Cressona, Pa.
Geo. A. Zellers	1	183	125	26	1	18	52 149	1	6	2	1 350	67 00	1,175 00	Pinegrove, Pa.
Calvin S. Gerhard	1	309	200	21	2	29	1 272	2	2	6	1 270	270 00	2,000 00	508 N. 9th St., Reading.
Oliver H. Strunk	2	500	300	42	3	36	10 195	5	12	12	1 250	32 00	1,173 00	Schuykill Haven, Pa.
Wilson D. Donat	1	279	240	30	3	34	6 337	5	23	3	375	63 00	1,000 00	Shenandoah, Pa.
George W. Roth	1	40	30	3	3	17	3 230	6	5	8	1 160	55 00	850 00	Hamburg, Pa.
Isaac E. Grief, D. D.	1	40	30	3	3	17	3 230	6	5	8	1 160	55 00	850 00	Tamaqua, Pa.
L. D. Steckel, supply	2	335	180	20	3	24	290	1	13	2	175	115 00	600 00	342 S 5th St., Reading.
S. A. Leinbach, "	1	120												Minersville, Pa.
M. H. Mishler, "	1	120												
Total, 23.	39	9648	6393	914	33	718	2037902	102	30	326	497370	5	\$36,397 00	

Wyoming Classis. ||**II. SYNOD OF OHIO.
Miami Classis.**

Samuel B. Yockey	1	175		3	4	13	5 151	5	30	5	1 150	\$2,300 00	Xenia, Ohio.	
Henry M. Herman, D. D.	1	333	110	18	8	14	7 265	3	8	8	1 297	165 00	1,908 00	Miamisburg, Ohio.
Vacant	3	379	190	26	30	51	15 358	4	11	3	328	290 00	1,100 00	W. Alexandria, Ohio.
Vacant	2	122	65	6	13	6	1 105	1	1	1	50	30 00	650 00	Xenia, Ohio.
Amos Casselman	3	410		4	69	93	34 378	13	36	6	3 360	245 00	1,100 00	Fairfield, Ohio.

*Second Reformed Church Sunday-school Scholars, 469; Jno. Ermentrout Mission, 150—Total, 619.
†St. Paul's Mem. Sunday-school Scholars, 409; St. Andrew's Mission, 110—Total, 519.

†First Reformed Church Sunday-school Scholars, 864; St. Mark's Mission, 110—Total, 974.

NOTE.—Wyoming Classis was organized out of the East Susquehanna Classis, 864; St. Mark's Mission, 110—Total, 974.
Rev. A. Casselman has resigned the Fairfield charge, and accepted a commission from the Board of Missions to Lyons, Kansas, to com-
mence work there September 1, 1887.

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Daniel R. Taylor.	Union.....	5	361	94	3	12	15	19	290	4	1	3	5	440			\$242 00	\$830 00	North Hampton, Ohio.									
William Smith	Highland.....	2	152	47	10	5	7	2	72	1	4	1	1	150			40 00	275 00	Hillsboro, Ohio.									
George Z. Necling	Hamilton.....	3	83	35	5	5	14	2	140	3	3	3	3	220			268 00	725 00	Hamilton, Ohio.									
George H. Souder	Port Jefferson.....	1	169	50	15	30	62	29	495	6	29	4	1	200			680 00	2,500 00	Swanton's Crossing, O.									
William A. Hale, D	First Church, Dayton.	1	568	10	15	80	62	29	495	6	29	4	1	200			158 00	600 00	Dayton, Ohio.									
Alpheus E. Baichly	Farmersville.....	2	247	90	10	7	21	12	244	1	1	1	1	60			14 00	65 00	Farmersville, Ohio.									
Alpheus E. Baichly, sup	Winchester.....	3	209	3	2	33	2	33	3	3	3	3	3	252			50 00	605 00	Greenville, Ohio.									
James T. Hale.	Hill Grove, Chagrel	1	113	35	29	39	21	102	5	5	5	5	2	115			25 00	450 00	Tremont City, Ohio.									
William H. Shults	Tremont City.....	1	90	24	3	2	7	10	238	3	4	2	1	120			112 00	630 00	Springboro, Ohio.									
Edward M. Beck.	Germantown.....	2	250	100	15	3	18	10	238	3	4	2	1	120			284 00	1,675 00	Germantown, Ohio.									
John Stuck	Zions (Elk creek)	1	12	23	8	4	4	1	84	4	6	1	1	38			10 00	65 00	Heno, Ohio.									
Jerome B. Henry	Bradford.....	3	82	23	8	4	4	1	84	4	6	1	1	38			10 00	65 00	Bradford Junction, O.									
John E. Dingledine	Greenville Mission.	1	45	16	1	35	1	35	1	35	1	4	6	85			15 00	325 00	Greenville, Ohio.									
James T. Hale, sup	Valley.....	3	293	9	8	16	13	257	1	4	6	1	252			330 00	939 00	Dayton, Ohio.										
James H. Steele.	New Madison.....	4	270	58	5	14	31	2	200	1	10	3	3	229			14 00	400 00	Arcanum, Ohio.									
Lewis B. Clayton	St. Paris.....	2	31	15	4	4	3	52	1	15	1	1	1	80			5 00	72 00	St. Paris, Ohio.									
Isaac H. Reiter, D. D	Salem.....	3	188	30	1	4	9	1	15	15	1	1	1	200			402 00	576 00	Sidney, Ohio.									
Thomas H. Winters	Beaver Creek.....	2	199	27	6	35	33	51	161	5	1	5	3	219			15 00	420 00	Alpha, Ohio.									
Edward Herbruck, Ph. D.	New Pittsburgh.....	3	199	27	6	35	33	51	161	5	1	5	3	219			15 00	420 00	Salamonia, Ind.									
Michael Loucks	Without Charge.																		Xenia, Ohio.									
Jesse Steiner	Without Charge.																		Dayton, Ohio.									
Levi Rike	Editor Chr'n World																		Dayton, Ohio.									
Jacob V. Lerch.	Without Charge.																		Millerstown, Ohio.									
Jonathan C. Beade ²	Without Charge.																		Heno, Ohio.									
	Chap. Soldiers' Home.																		Dayton, Ohio.									
																			Waterloo, Indiana.									
Total 26.		54	4869	961	148	279	472	232	4056	66	152	72	43	4420	1		\$5,700 00	\$18,210 00										
Lancaster Classis.																												
George H. Leonard.	Basil.....	2	456	70	14	4	16	7	370	8	20	3	2	307	1		\$312 00	\$879 00	Basil, Ohio.									
John Vogt, D. D.	Zion's.....	1	239	131	14	3	12	4	223	4	22	2	1	154	1		400 00	950 00	Delaware, Ohio.									
David M. Christman	Union.....	4	278	200	7	8	43	8	260	1	3	4	4	205				980 00	Baltimore, Ohio.									

John A. Seitz.....	3	227	102	8	2	1	146	3	33	4	3	163	\$221 00	\$535 00	Stoutsville, Ohio.
Francis M. Shults.....	4	155	62	19	9	16	4	126	8	2	1	4	82 00	270 00	Bremen, Ohio.
Jacob B. Stahl.....	3	237	76	5	1	6	101	7	1	6	1	201	105 00	.....	Somerset, Ohio.
James Henley.....	3	103	53	4	1	7	1	103	1	6	1	40	36 00	.....	Canal Winchester, O.
Sol. W. Seeman.....	2	157	.....	.....	.....	.....	145	5	5	3	2	125	25 00	200 00	Thornville, Ohio.
Louis B. C. Lahr.....	1	195	55	3	6	15	12	176	.....	5	3	1	1,470 00	486 00	Canal Winchester, O.
B. Frank Davis.....	3	140	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	232	2	22	2	239	208 00	.....	Kinnickinnick, Ohio.
G. Wm. H. Smith.....	2	289	162	33	36	86	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,804 00	Lancaster, Ohio.
James Henley, sup.....	1	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lancaster, Ohio.
Peter D. Schory.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total, 12.....	29	2499	911	107	68	203	49	1882	39	113	30	22	\$2,859 00	\$6,104 00	.....
Tuscaraw. Classis.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sebastian C. Goss.....	3	318	125	3	4	6	11	304	11	1	6	3	\$189 00	\$1,450 00	Wadsworth, Ohio.
Vacant.....	4	263	73	25	2	25	4	240	7	26	10	3	156 00	700 00	Massillon, Ohio.
Edward H. Otting.....	2	222	100	12	.....	.....	155	.....	8	5	2	150	123 00	4,100 00	Wadsworth, Ohio.
Jonas B. Shontz.....	1	525	50	30	13	45	38	400	8	9	2	1	310 00	1,600 00	Akron, Ohio.
Jonathan A. Novinger.....	3	160	70	12	10	48	12	130	8	12	3	180	75 00	700 00	Lake, Ohio.
John C. Schaaf.....	4	257	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	186	4	7	7	4	196 00	846 00	Nimistilla, Ohio.
Emil P. Herbruck.....	1	187	124	24	2	9	11	169	3	.....	5	1	.....	950 00	Canton, Ohio.
R. F. Shultz.....	3	153	.....	.....	.....	1	135	4	.....	.....	1	3	70 00	388 00	Reedsburg, Ohio.
Albert Gonser.....	4	230	67	3	16	36	11	213	8	20	7	4	110 00	1,420 00	West Salem, Ohio.
Jacob Hule.....	3	179	93	6	4	7	5	157	4	4	4	3	100 00	2,164 00	Mohican, Ohio.
Rufus C. Zartman.....	1	138	41	3	7	22	10	123	1	7	3	1	68 00	1,082 00	Wooster, Ohio.
John L. Bretz.....	1	85	13	1	1	8	3	54	.....	.....	2	1	43 00	450 00	Canal Fulton, Ohio.
Frederick Mayer.....	1	147	34	4	1	15	5	121	.....	1	2	1	31 00	1,015 00	Apple Creek, Ohio.
John J. M. Gruber.....	4	170	102	9	11	37	12	158	7	3	1	2	165 00	680 00	Navarre, Ohio.
Solomon Ream.....	2	139	12	7	21	37	11	93	.....	3	1	2	30 00	527 00	Lake, Ohio.
Vacant.....	2	178	32	1	6	14	11	139	3	8	1	2	125 00	700 00	Marshallville, Ohio.
Vacant.....	2	125	.....	4	.....	.....	3	95	.....	6	2	115	110 00	550 00	Canaan, Ohio.
Vacant.....	2	125	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	4	200	.....	400 00	Shelby, Ohio.
Wm. C. B. Shullenberger.....	4	180	25	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vacant.....	1	14	6	.....	.....	.....	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vacant.....	1	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vacant.....	1	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
John J. Excell.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Reedsburg, Ohio.
Total, 16.....	47	3638	981	147	113	323	150	3083	84	8	90	81	\$1,871 00	\$19,422 00	.....

NOTE.—1 The Hill Grove and Bethel congregations of the Hill Grove charge were united in May, 1886, with the Greenville mission church, and thus constitute the present Greenville charge, which is now served by Rev. Wm. E. Ludwick, who however is not yet received from St. Joseph Classis as a member of Miami Classis.—2. Dismissed to St. Joseph Classis.—*Stated Clerk.*

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		Members.	Members	Unconformed.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.												Benevolent Purposes.	Congrega- tional Purposes.	
Tiffin Classis.																						
Jeremiah H. Good, D. D.	Bascom & St. Jacobs.	2	106	98	21	....	6	3	104	....	....	....	....	....	....	6	2	102	....	\$125 00	....	Tiffin, Ohio.
Reuben Good	Prof. in Heid. Col.	1	236	95	4	....	1	10	221	4	....	....	....	....	....	5	1	168	1	136 00	....	Tiffin, Ohio.
Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D.	1st church, Tiffin	1	148	40	12	1	2	2	140	4	....	....	....	....	....	3	120	....	592 00	\$700 00	....	Tiffin, Ohio.
Nathaniel H. Loose	Bellevue.	2	60	36	8	....	....	....	56	3	....	....	....	....	....	1	2	115	1	28 00	....	Bellevue, Ohio.
Samuel Shaw	Venice	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Bellevue, Ohio.
Jesse Richards	Without charge	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Bloomfield, Ohio.
George W. Williard, D. D.	Pres. Heid. Col.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Bloomfield, Ohio.
Herman Rust, D. D.	Prof. in Seminary	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Lake Side, Ohio.
E. Garver Williams.	Zion.	2	260	128	10	....	....	....	192	11	....	....	....	....	....	7	2	170	....	165 00	....	Tiffin, Ohio.
John I. Swander, D. D.	Fremont.	1	108	40	4	4	9	7	101	2	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	60	....	32 00	....	Bellevue, Ohio.
H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D.	Grace Church.	1	161	73	7	1	16	13	145	3	....	....	....	....	....	3	1	162	2	119 00	....	Tiffin, Ohio.
David A. Parks.	Bloomville	1	113	43	5	5	9	6	61	8	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	174	....	....	....	Bloomville, Ohio.
John H. Bnsen	Fort Seneca	3	159	....	....	....	....	....	120	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Fort Seneca, Ohio.
Augustus Konetska	Without charge	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Fort Seneca, Ohio.
Charles O. Knepper.	Lic. & Prof. Heid. Col.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Fostoria, Ohio.
Alvin S. Zerbe, Ph.D.	Prof. in Heid. Col.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Tiffin, Ohio.
Isaac A. Sties	Ada.	5	195	80	11	4	1	13	147	6	....	....	....	....	....	3	4	194	....	125 00	....	Tiffin, Ohio.
John D. Neff	Fostoria	2	111	39	2	2	12	2	96	4	....	....	....	....	....	6	2	112	....	54 00	....	Ada, Ohio.
Joseph W. Barber.	Payne	4	75	73	12	5	9	10	66	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	60	....	....	....	Fostoria, Ohio.
David S. Caldwell.	Without charge	3	60	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Payne, Ohio.
George C. Gerlach.	Liberty Center	2	102	36	1	1	1	1	56	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	2	120	....	5 00	....	Nevada, Ohio.
George A. House	Helena	2	100	59	....	....	....	....	100	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Liberty Center, Ohio.
William A. Miller	Lindsey	2	160	60	14	8	8	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Helena, Ohio.
	Salem	1	22	20	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Helena, Ohio.
	Lima	1	16	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Lindsey, Ohio.
N. H. Loose, sup.	Stone Church.	1	27	10	1	2	3	1	125	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Lima, Ohio.
Edwin R. Williard	Prof. in Heid. Col.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Bellevue, Ohio.
Charles W. Good	Without charge.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Bellevue, Ohio.
Henry Dieckman	Licentiate	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Tiffin, Ohio.
William E. Shaley	Licentiate	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Buffalo, N. Y.
		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Brandon, Iowa.
Total, 25.		37	2219	931	102	33	77	74	1730	40	11	42	23	1717	4	\$1,412 00	\$5,900 00					

E. Ohio Classis.

John J. Leberman	4	635	130	24	17	71	9	547	19	8	19	4	480	2	342	00	\$1,000	Louisville, Ohio.
Adolph J. Meyer	2	264	152	12	2	18	1	200	6	2	2	2	175		60	00	740	North Lima, Ohio.
John H. Bomberger	1	172	90	1			5	135	6		2	1	169		60	00	550	Columbiana, Ohio.
Richard B. Reichard	2	254	134	4	9	14	6	190	14		6	2	183		183	00	700	New Lisbon, Ohio.
John M. Kendig	6	429	159	5	8	18	22	329	14	42	4	5	295		283	00	945	Canfield, Ohio.
Reuben Keller	2	157	52	10	1	8	2	134	4		5	1	2	145	108	00	454	Germano, Ohio.
Isaiah S. Hahn	2	343	130	13	35	63	20	320	15	15	14	2	270		96	00	900	Carrollton, Ohio.
Nathan W. Bloom	2	206	40	16	2	2	6	197	1		6	2	227		15	00	600	Petersburgh, Ohio.
Geo. W. Henning	2	98	68	8	4	24	4	96	1	2	4	2	140		15	00	150	Osnaburg, Ohio.
Geo. W. Henning, sup.	1	50																Osnaburg, Ohio.
Michael A. Miller																		Carrollton, Ohio.
Jacob B. Zumpe																		Youngstown, Ohio.
Frank C. Witthoff																		Teegarden, Ohio.
Francis A. Edmonds																		Harmony, Pa.
Julius A. Toensmeier																		Robertsville, Ohio.
Total, 14.	24	2608	955	93	76	218	75	2148	67	74	62	22	2084	2	\$1,175	00	\$5,139	00

North. Ill. Classis.

Frank Wetzel	2	50	26	2			1	28			1	1		1				Dakota, Illinois.
Joseph Sechler	2	100	85	5				71	2	1	1	1	35		\$46	00	\$80	Lena, Illinois.
Henry Bair	4	129	6	6	5	53		114	8	6	3	2	25				615	Forreston, Illinois.
Harvey L. Hart	4	70	29	8			55				2	1	25				500	Orangeville, Illinois.
Samuel L. Runkel	2	26	66	2	5	8	18	26			3	2	155		160	00	347	Dakota, Illinois.
Frederick W. Stump	2	90	66	4	1	6	1	65			3	2	155		160	00		Redfield, Dakota.
George E. Metger	2	34	43	3			1	33	12	5	1	1	35		50	00		Sumnum, Illinois.
Joshua Wolbach, sup.	1	184	8	20	24	24	1	150	2	1	2	2	100		60	00	250	
Anna	2	111	62	4	2	18	3	88		2	4	1	48		111	00	2,600	Anna, Illinois.
Robert F. Oplinger	2	57	44	9	8	8	2	54	5						40	00	425	Grove City, Illinois.
Joshua Wolbach																		Altamont, Illinois.
Daniel Lantz, D. D																		White Pigeon, Mich.
John Kercher																		La Rose, Illinois.
Samuel Mease, D. D																		Chicago, Illinois.
Samuel F. Butler																		Altamont, Illinois.
Joseph F. Butler																		Lexington, N. C.
Julius H. Shuford																		
Total, 14.	25	851	361	51	33	117	26	684	29	15	16	14	622	1	\$467	00	\$5,817	00

Iowa Classis.

Frederick C. Bauman	2	137	80	12		3	3	90	10			1	71	1	\$25	00	\$450	00	Zwingli, Iowa.
Dewalt S. Fouse	3	125	41	1	1	5	100	2				4	150		50	00	435	00	Coneville, Iowa.
James R. Lewis	4	140	92	6	8	5	132	4			1	2	165		124	43	952	00	Lisbon, Iowa.
	2	45	14	1	1	2	2	35				2	97		86	26	345	00	Liscomb, Iowa.
	3	70	39	1	1	6	5	65				2	648		50	00	400	00	Maquoketa, Iowa.

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					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.								Benevolent Purposes.	Congrega- tional Purposes.	
William A. From	Columbus Junction	2	92	50	3	5	1	85	3	3	1	1	60	1	20 00	\$557 00	Columbus Junction, Ia.	
Raymond R. Lackey	Wilton	1	44	21	5	2	3	30	1	1	1	39	1	39	35 00	300 00	Wilton Junction, Ia.	
George Rettig	Smithtown	1	40	30	5	4	6	7	40	1	1	40	1	40	40 00	200 00	Monticello, Iowa.	
John Nalle	Millersburg	2	85	30	10	3	1	70	2	2	1	80	1	80	30 00	200 00	Lyons, Iowa.	
Jacob Kuhn	Boulder	2	90	35	5	3	85	1	85	1	3	1	50	1	40 00	200 00	Clarion, Iowa.	
Daniel K. Fulcason	Leighton Missions	1	34	7	2	11	3	34	1	1	1	1	1	1	15 00	135 00	Brandon, Iowa.	
William E. Shaley,	Without charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	Brandon	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Total, 10.		23	902	489	46	37	28	30	766	25	6	16	810	1	\$515 69	\$4,174 00		
St. Joseph Classic.																		
William H. Xanders	Bluffton	3	164	147	12	5	10	123	5	3	1	3	115	1	\$102 00	\$586 00	Bluffton, Ind.	
Freeman Ware	Three Rivers	1	105	50	3	2	12	82	7	7	10	3	1	115	65 00	700 00	Three Rivers, Mich.	
John A. Ketrow	Moore Park	1	32	20	4	1	25	4	4	2	1	70	1	70	30 00	460 00	Three Rivers, Mich.	
Allen K. Zartman	Denver	3	158	31	15	10	21	63	1	18	2	1	185	25 00	510 00	Denver, Ind.		
John R. Skinner	Winamac	2	115	86	21	7	14	3	63	5	10	1	2	300	40 00	430 00	Winamac, Indiana.	
Luther P. Gross	Zions	3	195	85	7	4	9	12	140	5	10	1	2	300	40 00	900 00	Goshen, Ind.	
Peter J. Spangler	Wakeshma	3	159	50	1	3	4	6	94	2	4	3	241	72 00	637 00	Fulton, Mich.		
Theodore J. Bacher	Kentland Mission	2	104	48	11	2	10	1	46	1	1	3	2	55	12 00	260 00	Brook, Ind.	
John V. Potts	Marshall	4	200	137	10	10	16	11	168	3	6	2	4	220	43 00	1,800 00	Plymouth, Ind.	
John H. Albright	Grace Ref. Mission	1	161	58	4	6	21	25	135	6	5	2	1	125	87 00	559 00	Ft. Wayne, Ind.	
John M. Kessler	Union	3	187	40	..	..	3	2	106	3	3	2	3	120	24 00	643 00	Waterloo, Ind.	
Israel Rothenberger	Bunker Hill	3	119	71	..	..	3	2	106	3	3	2	3	130	85 00	275 00	Pulaski, Ohio.	
William G. Hackman	St. Paul	1	50	30	4	..	2	35	1	3	2	1	93	1	13 00	915 00	Colon, Mich.	
Daniel Kroh	Mulberry	2	415	320	26	4	13	320	1	4	2	350	2	350	100 00	275 00	Mulberry, Ind.	
Jonas Michael	White Pigeon	2	110	45	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	915 00	White Pigeon, Mich.	
Elias Spangler	Neriah	2	62	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Eric, Mich.	
Anson L. Hassler	Without charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Elkhart, Ind.	
William E. Ludwick	Without charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	116 Ind. Av., Toledo, O.	
	Without charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Curveton, Ind.	
	Without charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Edgerton, Ohio.	
	Without charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Ft. Wayne, Ind.	
	Without charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Greenville, Ohio.	
Total, 18.		39	2336	1235	118	56	150	101	1406	38	60	27	28	2034	5	\$703 00	\$8,699 00	

Kansas Classis.

Eliza Bauman	Without charge	2	90	81	3	3	4	25	65	1	70	\$14 89	E. Portland, Oregon.
Thomas F. Stauffer	Auileene	1	95	110	14	2	11	60	60	2	4	15 00	Abilene, Kansas.
Abraham Bolliger	New Basel	1	19	14	2	1	2	13	13	1	110	420 00	New Basel, Kansas.
Hiram Shumaker	Holton	1	20	23	2	2	2	20	20	1	5	7 65	Holton, Kansas.
Siegfried Thomas	Schenefeld	1	48	19	1	4	4	44	43	1	48	4 60	Bunker Hill, Kansas.
R. Leighton Gerhart	St. Paul's	1	48	19	1	4	4	44	43	1	48	1,150 00	Kansas City, Mo.
E. F. Schorer	Without charge	1	48	19	1	4	4	44	43	1	48	1,150 00	Twin Creek, Kansas.
Dennis B. Shuey	Supt. of Missions	1	23	22	2	2	6	72	19	2	48	5 81	Emporia, Kansas.
Daniel J. Greenwald	Without charge	1	23	22	2	2	6	72	19	2	48	5 81	Beloit, Kansas.
Allen R. Holshouser	Lyons	1	81	46	5	2	6	15	45	1	131	25 00	Lyons, Kansas.
George W. Kemagen	Bethany	3	56	50	5	2	6	15	45	1	131	9 53	Hiawatha, Kansas.
Solomon A. Alt	Iola	1	30	36	1	1	4	9	29	1	50	6 18	Iola, Kansas.
Dennis B. Shuey, sup	Emporia	1	34	6	1	1	4	9	29	1	50	12 50	Emporia, Kansas.
John W. Love	Wichita Brown Mem.	2	46	52	4	7	14	26	26	1	111	225 00	Wichita, Kansas.
Albert G. Lowman, sup	Sabetha	1	40	26	4	7	14	26	26	1	111	100 00	Sabetha, Kansas.
Frederick H. Keller	Zions	1	80	90	1	1	1	8	32	1	45	12 00	Baker, Kansas.
Cheney	Cheney	1	37	20	3	1	1	8	32	1	45	579 00	Wabene, Kansas.
John G. Steinert, sup	Zion's	1	20	30	2	2	2	20	20	1	70	130 00	Cheney, Kansas.
		19	719	625	46	9	45	128	462	1	813	\$132 00	Humboldt, Nebraska.
Total, 16.													

Wichita Classis.***III. SYNOD OF NORTHWEST.****Zion's Classis.**

Charles Schaaf	St. John	1	589	585	37	21	24	400	2	4	14	1	280	\$422 00	Ft. Wayne, Ind.
Charles F. Kritee	Salem	1	324	260	24	11	12	160	2	5	7	1	175	237 00	Ft. Wayne, Ind.
Charles M. Schaaf	St. Peter's	1	364	175	16	13	8	335	1	1	6	1	135	205 00	Huntington, Ind.
Fred P. Hartmetz	Brush Creek	3	241	208	13	1	9	14	208	3	44	7	3	124 00	Archbold, Ohio.
Edmund F. E. Fuerer	Defiance	3	215	156	20	7	2	130	5	34	6	2	46	60 50	Defiance, Ohio.
William Grether	Auburn	2	150	54	7	1	7	2	107	12	2	1	60	52 00	Auburn, Ind.
William Hansen	Zion's	1	219	170	18	19	4	212	5	4	2	180	1	300 00	Detroit, Mich.
J. O. Vitz	Salem	1	122	95	10	10	5	90	4	4	4	1	50	92 00	Magley, Ind.
Paul Wienand	Newville	3	330	223	17	19	19	225	2	6	6	3	180	260 00	Vera Cruz, Ind.
P. S. Kohler	Zion's	3	129	123	5	7	1	6	42	12	2	2	44	74 00	Swanton, Ohio.
	Edgerton	2	75	39	2	1	6	42	6	6	3	102	74 00	Swanton, Ohio.	
	Salzburg	1	75	39	2	1	6	42	6	6	3	102	74 00	Swanton, Ohio.	
	Van Wert	1	38	30	5	4	19	63	3	1	20	10	100	193 00	West Bay City, Mich.
Erdman Delorme	Port Hope	1	98	119	13	5	11	52	3	5	1	20	29	310 00	Port Hope, Mich.
Jacob Mutter	St. John	1	65	70	5	5	11	52	3	5	1	41	57	200 00	Grand Rapids, Mich.
H. W. Vitz	Zion's	1	41	36	7	7	6	25	4	1	1	30	7	183 00	Decatur, Ind.

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					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.									Benevolent Purposes.	Congrega- tional Purposes.	
	Southwest.....	3	90	135	3	2	5	9	77	2	1	6	3	1	56		\$41 00	\$256 00	Southwest, Ind.
	Eberhards	1	50	55	12		8	2	27				1	1	20		9 00	130 00	Columbia City, Ind.
	Supt. Orphans' Home																		Ft. Wayne, Ind.
	Superannuated																		Pulaski, Ohio.
	J. F. Geissel																		Vera Cruz, Ind.
	Invalid																		Al, Fulton Co., Ohio.
	Without charge																		Franklin, Wis.
	Charles Ruppert, Lic.																		Wauchtown, Wis.
	G. Wagner, Lic																		Franklin, Wis.
	H. Rorrock																		Franklin, Wis.
	Student																		
	Student																		
	Wm. Lehr																		
	Total, 19.	30	3215	2598	225	11	128	135	2242	31	5	124	67	27	1732	6	\$2,090 00	\$12,194 00	
Sheboygan Classis.																			
Louis Watermüller ..	Zion	1	300	130	39				11	210			12	1	225		\$225 00	\$800 00	Sheboygan, Wis.
Herman A. Mühlmeier, D.D	Inspector Miss. House																		Franklin, Wis.
Ernst Stienecker	Supt. Mission House																		" "
John W. Grosshäusch ..	Teacher in Miss. House																		" "
Chas. Theodore Martin ..	Immanuel	1	280	120	9		6	1	200			3	3	1	130	4	648 00	600 00	" "
Henry Kuriz, Ph. D	Zoar	1	53	60	5		3	4	56				1	1	50	1	9 00	97 00	" "
Deudrich W. Vriesen ..	Sharon	1	177	110	18		11		150				7	1	80	1	165 00	320 00	" "
Bernhard R. Hucker	Hope and Bethany																		Manitowoc, Wis.
Jacob Stucki	Indian Missionary																		Johnsontonville, Wis.
Edward Scheldt	Ebenezer, St. John																		Manitowoc, Wis.
	Salem-Ebenezer	1	143	90	7		4		31	1			1	1	48		170 00	553 00	Black River Falls, Wis.
	St. Paul	1	115	70	12		9		85								44 00	414 00	Timothy, Wis.
Ernst Brünchler	Bethel and Bethlehem	1	73	29	2		3		50	9			6	1	24		84 00	322 00	Timothy, Wis.
George Engelmann	Friedens cong	2	192	73	40		12	18	75				2	2	50		30 00	310 00	Mosel, Wis.
Gottlieb Schmidt	New Elm	1	84	93	13		12	3	50				2	1	50		16 00	320 00	New Holstein, Wis.
Solomon Elliker	Zwingli, New Cassel	1	120	125	9		10	2	100				2	1	60		131 00	364 00	Hilbert, Wis.
Frank Grether	Trinity, St. Peter	2	330	203	22		12	19	250	5			6	11	2		279 00	250 00	Van Dyne, Wis.
Ludwig Zenk	St. Peter	1	198	150	14		13		90				3	1	100		97 00	225 00	Elmore, Wis.
Henry W. Stienecker ..	Zion's, Hope	2	115	39	6		9	4	69	1			9	1	1		85 00	500 00	Kiel, Wis.
	Im'an'i, St. John, Zwin.	3	90	65	10		2	4	40				1	1	30		57 00	310 00	Medina, Wis.
	Ebenezer	1	72	60	13		1		68				2	1	68		16 00	130 00	
Jacob Bollenbacher													2	1			10 00	3,500 00	Chilton, Wis.

John Romeis	1	21	26	11	1	10	17	1	37	1	15	38	00	Antigo, Wis.
Theodore Wöhler	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Appleton, Wis.
Otto Mihlmeier	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Wausau, Wis.
Alphonzo M. Horwitz, Lic	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Clintonville, Wis.
Adolph H. Bauman, Lic	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total, 23.	26	2392	1592	243	1	132	95	1881	17	18	38	23	1312	\$2,081 00
Indiana Classis.														
Max G. J. Stern	1	258	210	17	..	25	8	250	..	16	8	1	100	\$1,100 00 Indianapolis, Ind.
Alvin G. Gekeler	2	222	161	18	..	9	..	180	..	7	2	145	..	Poland, Ind.
Herman Helmig	1	165	117	9	..	7	2	155	..	..	4	1	173	750 00 Poland, Ind.
Sebastian Barth	1	88	109	13	..	5	9	93	..	..	2	2	80	944 00 Indianapolis, Ind.
Henry Heuser	1	84	77	7	..	5	6	63	..	5	6	1	84	427 00 Crothersville, Ind.
Gottfried J. Reiche	1	290	204	18	..	18	4	300	2	..	12	1	150	400 00 Clay City, Ind.
Ernest W. Henschel	1	268	163	14	..	16	23	175	..	110	3	1	140	1,700 00 Louisville, Ky.
Bartholomew Warren	1	47	25	2	..	10	..	31	..	..	..	..	..	206 00 Lafayette, Ind.
Francis R. Schwedes	1	207	220	21	..	10	..	150	..	13	2	1	25	49 00 Decherd, Tenn.
Henry M. Gersman	1	205	150	25	..	9	12	170	8	..	7	1	125	832 00 Terre Haute, Ind.
Christian Wisner	1	100	130	18	..	3	2	150	..	..	17	1	100	1,025 00 Jeffersonville, Ind.
Abraham Schneck	2	202	130	9	..	14	11	180	1	..	2	1	180	1,100 00 Indianapolis, Ind.
Louis Rettig	1	60	50	5	..	..	3	40	..	..	1	1	30	1,400 00 Louisville, Ky.
Peter Joeris	1	97	50	6	..	19	4	65	2	..	2	1	107	300 00 Olney, Ill.
Melchor Denny	1	144	125	8	..	15	..	101	2	6	3	1	76	12 00 Olney, Ill.
William Wohlfahrt	3	100	45	10	..	7	..	35	..	1	2	1	60	5 00 Bernstadt, Ky.
Julius Grauel	1	96	70	8	..	17	..	75	..	1	3	70	..	450 00 New Middletown, Ind.
First cong	1	117	878	5	..	7	10	86	..	1	1	56	..	385 00 Linton, Ind.
St. Paul's Ref	1	25	20	3	..	3	5	40	7	13	2	2	100	758 09 Evansville, Ind.
First Ref. cong	2	103	56	9	..	..	..	60	2	..	..	..	..	160 00 Haughville, Ind.
First Ref. cong	..	83	57	4	..	1	..	62	..	..	2	1	65	576 00 Belvidere, Tenn.
William Spies	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	47 00
Rudolph Lüscher	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Lafayette, Ind.
Christian F. Keller	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Ridgeville, Wis.
William F. Horstmeier	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Indianapolis, Ind.
Philip Steinhage	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	St. Louis, Mo.
Missionary Sup't	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Crothersville, Ind.
Total, 25.	26	3001	2307	233	..	199	107	2426	24	152	94	28	2158	\$14,233 00
Milwaukee Classis.														
Frederick Kunzier	2	312	296	41	..	27	25	307	9	..	13	2	133	\$520 00 Waukesha, Wis.
William G. Kunzel	3	288	190	18	1	21	..	288	..	..	6	3	70	400 00 Lowell, Wis.
Jacob J. Grintingen	2	230	175	40	2	210	..	210	..	..	12	2	130	600 00 Sauk City, Wis.
John J. Brecht	1	68	48	4	..	10	..	68	..	..	2	1	30	Sauk City, Wis.
Frederick P. Leich	1	174	144	12	..	12	..	119	2	1	4	1	112	500 00 Riceville, Wis.

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			Members.	Unconfirmed.		Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.									Benevolent Purposes.	Congrega- tional Purposes.	
E. E. Bauert.....	Zoar.....	1	170	95	18	18	100	11	13	80	4	6	2	1	85	1		\$80 00	\$600 00	Watertown, Wis.
Henry Schenk.....	Salem.....	1	134	87	18	15	10	15	13	80	4	1	1	1	65	1		32 00	400 00	Wayne, Wis.
H. C. Nott.....	First Ref. cong.....	1	139	55	4	4	75	9	9	75	1	1	1	1	84	1		353 00	627 00	Milwaukee, Wis.
Jean Grob.....	2d Ref. Zwingle cong.....	1	64	40	4	1	94	14	6	50	1	20	1	1	82	1		16 00	165 00	Milwaukee, Wis.
John C. Hücker.....	St. John's.....	1	74	41	13	13	6	3	6	50	1	3	1	1	50	1		26 00	639 00	Waukegan, Ill.
H. J. Vriesen.....	New Berlin.....	1	136	70	13	13	12	8	8	75	1	3	1	1	45	1		75 00	250 00	Waukesha, Wis.
H. O. Jorris.....	St. John's.....	1	130	22	22	12	60	12	8	75	1	5	1	1	40	1		13 00	707 00	Springfield Cor. Wis.
Charles L. Kennm.....	St. John's.....	1																		Schleisingserville, Wis.
John Knie.....	John Knie.....	1																		Kohlsville, Wis.
Henry Brünger.....	Henry Brünger.....	1																		Monticello, Wis.
Total, 15.		16	1919	1241	209	4	159	74	1526	16	27	50	16	926	1			\$964 00	\$5,408 00	
Minnesota Classis.																				
J. Conrad Ochsner.....	Paul's.....	1	112	125	6	14	2	45	4	4	1	4	1	52	1			\$90 00	\$1,362 00	Norwood, Minn.
Albert Krahn.....	Albert Krahn.....	1																		Lake City, Minn.
Jacob Christ.....	Zwingle.....	2	73	28	3	4	42	3	121	2	1	14	2	1	14	1		234 00	21 00	Rochester, Minn.
Henry Andreas.....	Zion and Ebenezer.....	2	110	113	11	9	6	62	3	121	2	2	2	60	1			600 00	724 00	Waukon, Iowa.
Martin Vitz.....	St. John's.....	1	135	83	13	13	20	113	6	1	135	6	1	135	1			46 00	504 00	La Crosse, Wis.
Daniel Schäfer.....	Friedens.....	1	54	45	10	6	50	8	50	8	1	5	6	1	70	1		40 00	524 00	St. Paul, Minn.
Henry Treick.....	St. John's.....	1	126	76	10	4	2	45	1	5	6	1	1	40	1			41 00	455 00	Norwood, Minn.
George Loos.....	Friedens cong.....	1	24	60	4	2	25	1	34	2	1	1	1	20	1			15 00	106 00	Garner, Iowa.
".....	Salem's.....	1	34	31	2	4	34	10	60	1	1	1	1	12	1			24 00	423 00	Wilton, Wis.
".....	Trinity.....	3	56	38	3	10	16	2	16	7	1	1	1	31	1			64 00	70 00	La Crosse, Wis.
".....	Hope.....	2	22	8	1	2	7	1	7	1	1	1	1	8	1			16 00	22 00	Union, Minn.
Richard Fricke.....	Zion's.....	2	9	12	2	1	18	11	75	3	2	80	1	1	12	1		4 00	510 00	Mound Prairie, Minn.
William Köhler.....	Immanuel & St. Paul.....	2	112	65	19	18	11	75	3	2	80	1	1	12	1			24 00	150 00	Fountain City, Wis.
Lawrence Ziegler.....	Zoar.....	1	27	18	1	24	3	24	1	1	1	1	1	12	1					Cologne, Minn.
Andrew Baeder.....	Andrew Baeder.....	1																		Gaylord, Minn.
Total, 11.		16	894	702	85	85	52	598	18	2	26	32	14	534	1			\$601 00	\$5,037 00	Berne, Wis.
Nebraska Classis.																				
Wm. Bonekemper.....	Immanuel.....	1	238	251	36	9	20	235	2	4	4	2	65	1	18	1		\$175 00	\$1,600 00	Sutton, Neb.
Jacob B. Braun.....	Zion.....	1	28	39	6	1	9	26	4	1	1	1	1	18	1			6 00	205 00	Albany, Oregon.

Edmund Erb.....	1	45	23	2	1	2	27		2	1	30	14 00	150 00	Lincoln, Neb.
Frederick Hüllhorst.....	1	37	51	2	7	54	15		4	1	40	70 00	130 00	Yutan, Neb.
Otto Kuhn.....	2	96	90	12	5	20	4		3	2	32	47 00	300 00	Hoskins, Neb.
John G. Steinert.....	2	54	80	10	12	7	46		1	2	50	65 00	500 00	Humboldt, Neb.
Henry Wegert.....	2	70	40	6	12	10	45		1	1	50	30 00	500 00	Denver, Col.
Joseph L. Schatz.....	1	37		2	1	6	35		1	1	37	33 00	122 00	Diller, Neb.
Total, 7.	10	605	557	76	36	74	542	21	1	11	322	\$440 00	\$3,527 00	
Ursinus Classicis.														
A. A. K. Heinemann.....	1	165	127	6	10	9	165			3	1	102	\$600 00	Baxter, Iowa.
Christian Ramm.....	1	200	100	15	18	200	1			3	1	80	1 600 00	Wheatland, Iowa.
Augustus Kanie.....	1	132	74	7	9	4	132			1	1	45	612 00	Horn, Iowa.
Fred. Mosebach.....	1	70	82	7	9	5	65		1	1	29	17 00	1 525 00	Crocker, Iowa.
William Diehm.....	1	78	50	12	4	2	34			2	40	25 00	430 00	Storm Lake, Iowa.
W. H. Wittenwyler.....	1	115	117	6	12	12	123	2		1	72	42 00	534 00	Monticello, Iowa.
Louis C. Martin.....	1	26	25	1			18			1	15	9 00	236 00	Fort Dodge, Iowa.
George Weber.....														Vinton, Iowa.
Andrew Hocker.....														Marengo, Iowa.
Herman Liesman.....														, Oregon.
Total, 10.	8	791	772	54	59	32	737	9	1	9	383	\$826 00	\$5,557 00	
Missouri Classicis.														
Jacob Ziegler.....	2	236	151	15	31	12	132	2		10	3	75	\$472 00	Avenue City, Mo.
John Kulerim.....	2	50	65	5	5	3	37			1	67	80 00	56 00	Lowry, City, Mo.
Louis Brigger.....	2	93	67	10	5	10	75		2	2	112	17 00	290 00	Boeger's Store, Mo.
Raymond Kirchhefer.....	2	84	80	24	8					1	66	24 00	324 00	Prairie City, Mo.
Frederick Maurer.....	2	50	60	7	7		20			4	50	5 00	15 00	Neosho, Mo.
Total, 5.	10	513	423	61	58	25	264	2		17	10	\$274 00	\$1,157 00	
Chicago Classicis.														
Charles G. Zipf.....	1	213	92	42	21		150		2	4	1	180	\$125 00	Chicago, Ill.
John J. Jannett.....	1	123	48	18	9	2	60		5	2	1	63 00	775 00	Freeport, Ill.
Jacob Kappeli.....	1	82	40	4	8		56	1		1	15	39 00	228 00	Loran, Ill.
Ottmar Esselborn.....	2	147	85	9		9	70	3	6	7	2	12 00	500 00	Washington, Ill.
John Wernly.....	1	70	59	10	6	12	40		6	2	1	21 00	550 00	Chicago, Ill.
Julius H. Kriger.....	1	43	31	20		1	25			1	72	21 00	200 00	Chicago, Ill.
Isaac Matzinger.....	1													Salzburg, Mich.
Total, 7.	8	678	355	103	19	15	401	10	3	17	7	\$291 00	\$3,353 00	

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IV. SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH																		
Westmoreland. Classis.																		
Jacob F. Snyder	Emmanuel	1	284	245	25	1	8	5	268	7	6	1	160	\$180 00	\$2,000 00	Manor Dale, Pa.		
Silas B. Mase	Second, Greensburg	3	326	220	13	3	12	11	301	8	5	2	190	502 32	1,310 00	Greensburg, Pa.		
C. R. Dieffenbacher	First, Greensburg	2	625	400	60	3	7	18	518	16	20	12	400	420 00	2,550 00	Greensburg, Pa.		
Wm. H. Bates	St. John's	1	109	30	6	2	7	15	74	6	1	2	87	49 00	389 00	Johnstown, Pa.		
Irwin	Irwin	2	180	180	20	2	14	5	170	3	5	2	125	106 00	815 00	Irwin, Pa.		
Albert E. Truxal	Brush Creek	3	436	350	40	3	14	3	385	8	20	10	3	265 00	2,900 00	Manor Station, Pa.		
Henry S. Garner	Scott Dale	2	124	43	4	1	2	7	97	5	3	2	95	96 83	538 00	Scott Dale, Pa.		
E. H. Dieffenbacher	Pleasant Unity	3	303	212	21	5	23	9	279	17	4	3	165	270 63	2,915 00	Pleasant Unity, Pa.		
Cyrus M. Hartzell	Latrobe	2	174	105	12	1	12	26	135	6	3	1	107	25 00	350 00	Latrobe, Pa.		
Charles R. Ferner	Mt. Pleasant	2	143	125	10	5	15	12	131	3	3	1	105	145 30	915 62	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.		
Wm. M. Andrews	Pine Run	3	266	174	8	14	22	229	1	1	3	3	256	117 50	3,000 00	N. Washington, Pa.		
Supplied	St. James	1	31	34										12 50	60 00			
John N. Bauman	Salem	2	218	157	13	1	4		192	6	8	2	95	168 50	685 00	Delmont, Pa.		
Lucian Cort	Princ'l, Gr. Fem. Sem.															Greensburg, Pa.		
John McConnell	Without charge															Salina, Pa.		
James Grant	Without charge															Bradenville, Pa.		
Henry F. Keener	Without charge															Latrobe, Pa.		
Total, 15.		27	3322	2035	232	24	132	120	2779	86	49	59	24	\$2,353 57	\$18,427 62			
Clarion Classis.																		
John Wolbach	Without charge															Troutville, Pa.		
Robert C. Bowling	Kitanning	2	248	198	9	2	8	13	227	17	36	3	2	\$180 00	\$1,023 00	Kitanning, Pa.		
Jacob F. Wiant	Beaver	2	379	282	20	5	30	9	335	8	7	6	2	310 00	725 00	Monroe, Pa.		
	Houtzdale Miss	1	53	30	15	3	2	35			4	1	30	14 00	152 00	Houtzdale, Pa.		
	South Bend	3	242	179	12	10	5	231	7	7	2	2	168	200 00	650 00	South Bend, Pa.		
W. Wilberforce Dearick	Prin. Clar. Col. Inst															Rimersburg, Pa.		
Samuel T. Wagner	St. John's	4	142	143	11	1	4	6	106	1	6	6	2	193 00	412 00	Eddyville, Pa.		
Bleodius S. Metzger	Paradise	2	371	30	30	2	19	15	323	1	1	2	125	252 00	618 00	Troutville, Pa.		
David B. Lady	Curtisville	4	361	250	21	1	15	15	128	4	3	5	4	274 00	791 00	Curtisville, Pa.		
Samuel Z. Beam	St. Petersburg	1	282	214	9	13	3	173		3	4	1	83	120 00	857 00	St. Petersburg, Pa.		
Jos. G. Shoemaker	Red Bank	4	165	150	3											Dexter, Pa.		
Addison C. Snyder	Pum Creek	4	333	275	17	6	42	4	212	5	17	8	3	124 00	688 00	Elderton, Pa.		

Robert E. Crum, ...	Du Bois, ...	2	57	38	1	1	4	1	62	\$37 00	\$250 00	Du Bois, Pa.		
William C. Houpt	Without charge.	2	224	159	16	6	10	116	9	3	64 00	300 00	Emlenton, Pa.	
John F. Mackley	Enclinton, ...	3	50	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	10 00	...	...	
Vacant	Floresta, ...	1	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	
Vacant	Cookport, ...	1	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	
B. S. Metzger, sup.	Punxsatawney	1	62	40	4	9	60	...	5	1	36 00	170 00	...	
Total, 13.		36	2989	2238	169	17	200	82	2146	56	\$1,814 00	\$6,702 00	...	
St. Paul Classis.														
David D. Leberman, ...	Without charge.	4	498	245	22	32	5	402	9	14	\$205 21	\$1,015 00	Meadville, Pa.	
Frederick Pilgram	Shenungo	4	321	136	25	20	30	224	4	3	221 25	1,123 00	Greenville, Pa.	
Vacant	Zion's	1	162	131	6	3	3	106	3	1	8 00	553 00	Cochran, Pa.	
Elias Ed. Gruenstein, ...	Saron Mission	2	365	263	31	1	24	16	329	5	2	332	1,170 77	Sharon, Pa.
Samuel H. Eisenberg	Greenville, ...	2	377	210	16	16	58	26	316	10	4	235	1,130 00	Greenville, Pa.
Frederick B. Hahn	Meadville, ...	3	263	189	3	4	70	235	...	1	2	135	...	Meadville, Pa.
Albert A. Black	Sagertown, ...	2	80	50	4	2	11	80	...	2	1	43	60 00	Sagertown, Pa.
Joseph H. Apple, D. D.	Mercer Mission	1	95	60	3	1	80	...	3	2	12 12	...	...	Mercer, Pa.
Vacant ..	Hickory cong	19	2161	1274	110	39	159	70	1756	31	\$925 55	\$5,051 77	...	
Total, 7.		4	150	170	19	2	6	113	7	5	2	60	...	...
Somerset Classis.														
Benjamin Knepper	Wellsburg	1	150	100	13	1	1	144	3	4	1	80	...	Wellsburg, Pa.
Augustus Guenther, ...	Ger. Ex. Ref. Zion	3	162	62	5	3	11	7	163	12	20 00	900 00	Cumberland, Md.	
Hiram King	Somerset	4	265	167	8	7	11	20	332	9	93 00	460 00	Somerset, Pa.	
John M. Schick	Meyersdale	5	422	321	30	6	30	3	343	6	122 00	606 00	Meyersdale, Pa.	
Wm. D. Lefevre	Stoyestown, ...	4	224	170	13	8	20	12	335	13	338 00	900 00	Stoyestown, Pa.	
Andrew J. Heller	Zion, ...	4	491	409	38	8	20	11	180	4	64 00	948 00	Berlin, Pa.	
Isaiah N. Burger	Beam, ...	4	212	172	27	1	10	11	180	4	64 00	948 00	Jenner X Roads, Pa.	
John M. Evans	Paradise, ...	1	200	175	10	1	...	5	111	7	31 00	499 00	Elk Lick, Pa.	
Cyrus H. Reiter	Willis' Creek, ...	3	191	111	1	...	...	5	111	7	31 00	526 00	Stencoc, Pa.	
Gustavus A. Schwedes	Frostburg	1	200	175	10	1	...	5	111	7	31 00	973 00	Frostburg, Md.	
Robert O'Boyle	New Centreville	3	191	111	1	...	...	5	111	7	31 00	1,106 00	Glade, Pa.	
Abner R. Kremer	Berlin	1	251	205	9	...	...	175	10	13	26 00	...	Berlin, Pa.	
Geo. M. Zacharias, ...	Without charge	36	3101	2263	210	27	89	71	2452	80	\$2,139 00	\$11,451 00	Oranien St., 106 Berlin.	
Total, 13.		2	235	207	7	...	...	2	167	3	\$120 63	\$79 00	Baldwin, Pa.	
Allegheny Classis.														
Henry H. Sandoe	Fairview, ...	2	109	42	12	1	10	16	92	8	32 00	562 00	McKeesport, Pa.	
Harry D. Dabaker, ...	McKeesport, ...	1	335	140	12	3	7	18	289	4	1,350 00	3,500 00	Mansfield Valley, Pa.	
Charles Knepper, ...	Without charge	1	216	155	17	6	6	6	146	10	475 00	475 00	Pittsburg, Pa.	
John H. Prugh	Grace ch., Pittsburg	1	216	155	17	6	6	6	146	10	...	...	Kayler, Pa.	
Josiah May	Sugar Creek	1	216	155	17	6	6	6	146	10	...	...	...	

Ed. R. Eschbach, D. D.	1	603	300	46	1	20	91	498	17	8	41	1	650	1	\$6,880 00	\$3,150 00	Frederick, Md.
William Goodrich.	2	225	109	12	8	30	4	220	4	1	8	2	220	1	152 00	1,000 00	Clear Spring, Md.
Simon S. Miller	2	190	109	13	12	30	4	175	7	1	11	2	250	2	288 00	800 00	Boonsboro, Md.
J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D.	1	305	210	15	5	37	15	285	4	3	17	1	237	1	560 00	2,400 00	Hagerstown, Md.
Joel T. Rossiter.	1	396	239	45	1	38	5	348	3	3	13	1	300	1	1,363 00	2,205 00	Baltimore, Md.
Nehemiah H. Skyles	2	190	115	14	1	22	14	160	6	4	4	2	170	1	98 00	945 00	Jefferson, Md.
T. Franklin Hoffmeier	1	416	250	25	1	22	1	332	7	1	12	1	275	1	440 00	1,000 00	Middletown, Md.
Vacant	3	195	100	21	2	11	3	180	6	6	9	3	200	1	130 00	800 00	Keedysville, Md.
John G. Noss	2	600	500	41	13	13	3	450	9	2	12	2	185	4	253 00	1,330 00	Silver Run, Md.
Anthony Shulenberger	3	154	122	28	1	14	4	143	2	1	5	1	145	1	86 00	575 00	Mt. Pleasant, Md.
William Rupp, D. D.	4	610	382	37	1	33	4	500	12	4	3	4	250	1	199 00	1,000 00	Manchester, Md.
Leighton G. Kremer	2	180	93	11	3	5	8	154	4	4	2	2	230	1	51 00	960 00	Hagerstown, Md.
Marion L. Firor	1	289	104	28	33	9	239	1	1	1	7	1	350	1	375 00	2,763 00	Baltimore, Md.
St. Paul's Eng. Ch	1	322	130	11	10	15	286	4	1	6	1	268	1	925 00	2,700 00	"	
Conrad Clever	5	880	295	24	2	18	1	318	2	8	4	5	380	1	444 00	950 00	Walkersville, Md.
Silas M. Hensch	1	92	70	16	1	5	8	70	2	1	2	1	68	1	85 00	574 00	Washington, D. C.
Charles E. Sonntag.	3	150	100	8	12	7	140	1	1	3	3	3	160	1	96 00	1,168 00	Adamstown, Md.
Vacant	2	216	175	19	9	13	3	187	15	1	1	2	270	1	58 00	481 00	Woodberry, Md.
Adam S. Weber.	1	51	60	4	1	13	16	45	1	1	13	6	317	1	207 00	2,145 00	Mechanicstown, Md.
E. Ranson Deatrick	4	419	311	33	6	44	88	397	19	13	6	317	19	119 00	602 00	Taneytown, Md.	
Abram B. Stoner	1	256	225	27	2	45	24	220	5	4	1	2	80	1	24 00	350 00	Burkittsville, Md.
Henry Dizler	2	116	45	2	2	104	2	104	2	2	2	2	80	1	59 00	370 00	Emmitsburg, Md.
U. Henry Heilman.	1	160	100	3	10	2	125	3	3	1	1	1	40	1	59 00	370 00	Union Bridge, Md.
David A. Sanders	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Baltimore, Md.
Louis F. Zinkhan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mechanicstown, Md.
Henry Wissler	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Middletown, Md.
Henry W. Hoffmeier	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Emmitsburg, Md.
Jacob B. Kerschner	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Frederick, Md.
W. Augustus Gring	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Hagerstown, Md.
Henry E. Cook	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Sabillasville, Md.
James W. Myers	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Baltimore, Md.
Vacant	1	27	28	4	...	...	3	25	...	...	...	1	12	...	4 00	58 00	Baltimore, Md.
David P. Lelever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Baltimore, Md.
Total, 32.	56	6848	4433	515	39	460	225	5922	140	20	191	51	5517	9	\$13,276 00	\$30,651 00	
Mercersburg Classis.																	
William M. Deatrick, D. D.	2	168	85	26	7	14	10	155	3	4	2	110	...	...	\$61 23	\$850 00	Mercersburg, Pa.
Jacob Hassler	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Fort Loudon, Pa.
George R. Zacharias	1	125	85	9	3	5	7	104	12	5	4	1	105	...	291 62	956 00	Upper Strasburg, Pa.
Isaac M. Motter	1	350	265	25	5	20	18	256	4	3	1	240	...	...	595 10	2,101 51	Waynesboro, Pa.
William C. Gremer	3	463	175	17	5	18	24	381	11	8	2	325	...	...	214 00	1,410 00	Chambersburg, Pa.
Franklin F. Bahner.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Waynesboro, Pa.

*4 Helpers or Catechists. †Stations. ‡Statistics included in Mechanicstown charge.

MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES.	CHARGES.	Members.		Members Uncon- firmed.	Bap- tisms.		Addi- tions.		Com- muned.	Dis- missed.	Excom- muni- cated.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
		Members.	Uncon- firmed.		Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.							Benefo- lent Purposes.	Conrega- tional Purposes.		
Cyrus Cort	Greencastle	2	337	240	18	7	19	9	313	4	1	10	2	245		\$163 32	\$957 98	Greencastle, Pa.
G. W. Aughinbaugh, Jr. D.	Without charge																	Mercersburg, Pa.
J. David Miller	Shippensburg	1	276	100	25	20	35	9	235	13	2	2	1	240		204 00	907 09	Shippensburg, Pa.
George B. Russell, D. D.	Sup. Mont Alto ch.	1	83	43	4	9	14	16	73	2		2	1	125		46 00	160 00	Zullinger, Pa.
Jairus A. Wickert	St. Thomas	2	157	90			1	120	2	2		3	3	75		41 28	505 00	St. Thom. as, Pa.
J. Wm. Knappenberger	Mercersburg	2	339	246	12	8	17	13	276	9	2	7	2	225		239 25	1,450 00	Mercersburg, Pa.
Simon Wolf.	McConnellsburg	3	170	77	6		2	3	124	2	5	3	2	106		47 46	507 00	McConnellsburg, Pa.
P. Allison Long	Grindstonehill	3	181	66	11	3	6	7	175	1		6	2	140		120 20	825 00	McConnellsburg, Pa.
Jeriah S. Shade	Without charge																	McConnellsburg, Pa.
Morris L. Hittel*	St. John's, Chamb	1	52	37	3				41				1	60		30 00	140 00	Chambersburg, Pa.
Total, 16.		23	2701	1504	156	67	150	117	2253	63	13	53	20	1996		\$2,054 26	\$10,770 34	
Virginia Classis.																		
John C. Hensell	Superannuated.																	Mt. Crawford, Va.
Henry St. John Rinker	Lovettsville.	1	114	98	4		3	1	82	1	14	1	1	50		\$66 00	\$472 00	Lovettsville, Va.
Sam'l N. Callender, D. D.	Mt. Crawford	2	205	110	3		7	3	170	4		2	1	90		174 00	1,365 00	Mt. Crawford, Va.
Henry Tallheim	Edenburg.	4	211	133	15	1	12	13	194	5	1	2	1	50		60 00	600 00	Edenburg, Va.
John A. Hoffhelus	Martinsburg.	1	266	95	6	1	6	1	211	5		2	1	160		313 00	1,000 00	Martinsburg, W. Va.
Joseph S. Loose	Disabled																	Bridge-water, Va.
Ferdinand E. Vandersloot	Superannuated	3	279	63	5	7	13	5	257	2			3	125	1	336 00	600 00	Herndon, Va.
Barion R. Carnahan	Rockingham	3	174	82	9	12	23	7	149				4	3	125	80 00	585 00	Winchester, Pa.
Samuel L. Whitmore	Winchester.	3	159	93	2	2	15	3	139	12	2	4	3	108	1	49 00	383 00	Mt. Jackson, Pa.
George A. Whitmore	Mill Creek.	2	141	91	11		7	4	100	5		2	2	165		93 00	927 00	Shepherdstown, W. Va.
Benjamin F. Bausman.	Shepherdstown	3	218	127	3	7	17	5	204	2		3	2	155		227 00	724 00	Woodstock, Va.
Alpha K. Kline.	Woodstock	3	181	108			6	5	100	2		3	3	116		25 00	300 00	Middlebrook, Va.
Christian Gumbert	Middlebrook	2	141	100	11		4	1	100				1	60		25 00	300 00	Timberville, Va.
Geo. H. Martin, D. D	Timberville	2	155	107	10	1	2	1	140	1	2	3	1	80		50 00	267 00	Tom's Brook, Va.
Vacant	Harrisville																	
Elias Welty, M. D.	Without charge.																	
Total, 15.		29	2250	1247	79	31	115	34	1746	39	1	28	20	1219	2	\$1,562 00	\$7,233 00	

N. Carolina Classics.

G. Wm. Welker, D. D.	4	404	192	11	...	2	1	381	1	2	4	3	120	1	\$70 00	\$455 00	Lamont, N. C.
Jeremiah Ingold, D. D.	5	205	114	10	1	...	1	175	...	20	5	4	119	...	72 00	Hickory, N. C.	
Thomas Long	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Salem, N. C.	
Jesse W. Cecil	1	18	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Thomasville, N. C.	
John Ingle	4	290	120	18	2	16	5	250	5	...	3	1	100	...	112 00	Blowing Rock, N. C.	
Jacob C. Clapp, D. D.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Newton, N. C.	
John A. Foil	1	21	4	3	1	1	17	20	3	...	2	1	51	...	9 00	Concord, N. C.	
Peter M. Trexler	3	125	79	6	3	...	85	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	China Grove, N. C.	
Robert F. Crooks	4	202	77	7	12	19	1	168	4	...	4	2	80	...	6 00	Silver Hill, N. C.	
Michael L. Hedrick	2	313	192	18	1	19	8	300	9	...	8	2	150	...	55 00	China Grove, N. C.	
Paul Barringer	2	361	244	15	...	20	1	252	9	...	6	2	242	1	110 00	Heilig's Mills, N. C.	
Calvin B. Heller	3	135	114	16	...	...	3	111	2	...	4	2	90	...	41 00	Hickory, N. C.	
Levis Reller	3	174	99	4	4	16	4	166	1	...	2	3	100	...	61 00	Malden, N. C.	
Joseph L. Murphy	2	33	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Vacant	34	2281	1251	108	21	96	41	1908	34	22	38	20	902	2	\$536 00	\$4,681 00	...
Lincent'n & Mof's Gro.																	
Total, 14.																	

Gettysburg Classics.

Wm. K. Zieber, D. D.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Hanover, Pa.
Moses Kieffer, D. D.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Gettysburg, Pa.
David U. Wolf	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Myers town, Pa.
Henry Hilbish	1	263	221	15	...	19	7	227	4	...	4	1	164	1	168 00	1,015 00	Hanover, Pa.
David N. Dittmar	1	290	130	12	...	15	14	267	7	...	11	1	225	...	6,595 00	1,650 00	Hanover, Pa.
John C. Bowman	2	380	220	13	1	18	15	320	6	...	5	2	220	...	157 00	1,125 60	Gettysburg, Pa.
Thomas J. Barkley	2	325	280	10	6	24	5	290	10	...	7	2	180	...	275 00	6,000 00	Arendtsville, Pa.
Nilton H. Sangree	4	600	500	33	...	...	15	565	5	...	21	3	150	...	160 00	1,000 00	Hanover, Pa.
John H. Hartman	3	690	565	60	...	...	15	5	639	8	15	3	275	...	418 00	1,300 00	Codorus, Pa.
Franklin A. Guth	3	305	219	25	2	20	14	249	3	10	8	3	125	...	105 00	750 00	Fairfield, Pa.
Ambrose C. Geary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Walter E. Krebs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Without charge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Abbottstown	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
William H. Herbert	3	467	290	8	1	1	5	360	...	...	4	2	200	1	64 00	700 00	Littlestown, Pa.
John J. Stauffer	4	340	175	...	...	...	3	270	...	...	3	100	...	...	62 00	680 00	New Oxford, Pa.
Francis S. Lindaman	3	585	420	32	...	23	3	350	7	...	12	2	150	...	139 00	990 00	East Berlin, Pa.
Henry H. Sangree	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Littlestown, Pa.
Total, 16.																	
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Carlisle Classics.

Wm. R. H. Dearrich	3	392	143	27	7	45	10	381	8	...	8	3	364	...	\$185 00	\$1,167 00	Newport, Pa.
Geo. W. Glessner, D. D.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Shippensburg, Pa.
J. Marlon Mickle	1	170	85	5	4	10	1	151	3	...	3	1	160	1	100 00	650 00	Newburg, Pa.

*Died July 31, 1887.

MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Uncon- firmed.	Bap- tisms.	Addi- tions.		Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud't Min- istry.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
						Infants.	Adults.					Benevolent Purposes.	Congrega- tional Purposes.	
Amos H. Kremer, D. D.	Carlisle.	1	240	170	13	8	12	5	225	8	17	\$132 00	\$1,660 00	Carlisle, Pa.
George E. Addams	Sulphur Springs.	4	214	81	9	4	10	10	172	1	3	93 00	724 00	Carlisle, Pa.
Milton H. Groh	Landsburg.	4	464	311	19	1	8	2	373	3	5	444 00	1,280 00	Landsburg, Pa.
Sol. B. Schafer	Without charge													Martinsburg, Pa.
Wm. I. Stewart	Mechanicsburg.	2	250	150	4		2	3	200	11	3	175 00	600 00	Mechanicsburg, Pa.
S. S. Myer	Duncannon.	3	132	100	7		5	2	92	2	3	150 00	575 00	Duncannon, Pa.
Silas L. Messinger.	Zion's.	4	475	200	28	4	32	5	450	6	11	289 00	4,200 00	Blain, Pa.
Vacant	St. Andrew's cong	1	23	20					20		1	...	...	
Total, 9.		23	2360	1260	112	23	124	38	2064	42	28	\$1,176 00	\$10,931 00	
Juniata Classic.														
Albert G. Dole.	Without charge													Huntingdon, Pa.
Elias D. Shoemaker.	Disabled													Bedford, Pa.
Ellis N. Kremer.	Bedford.	1	142	98	4	5	7	8	120	7	3	\$296 00	\$1,038 00	Bedford, Pa.
Frederick A. Rupley, D.D.	Without charge.													Martinsburg, Pa.
Henry F. Long	Woodcock Valley	4	448	295	26	4	21	2	420	4	11	135 00	1,055 00	James Creek, Pa.
John W. Pontius	Martinsburg.	2	344	196	19	1	5	9	306	21	13	135 76	1,980 00	Martinsburg, Pa.
Isaac N. Peightel.	Yellow Creek.	3	297	203	16	3	8	9	259	2	6	170 00	838 00	Loysburg, Pa.
Calvin S. Siegler	Dunning's Creek	3	273	179	11	1	16		255	5	5	99 00	646 00	Cessna, Pa.
David G. Klein	Clear Ridge.	3	102	75	9		4	1	89	2	3	33 00	232 65	Clearville, Pa.
Andrew T. G. Apple	Friend's Cove	3	256	216	15	2	26	4	243	1	3	124 00	740 00	Clearville, Pa.
William A. Long	Hickory Bottom.	3	261	85	15	9	19	13	243	6	2	46 00	839 00	Martinsburg, Pa.
Edgar S. Hassler	St. Clairsville.	3	367	276	23	6	19	3	305	8	6	268 70	797 80	St. Clairsville, Pa.
Franklin W. Brown	Schellsburg	3	222	146	18	2	32	15	196	3	24	90 11	549 50	Schellsburg, Pa.
Calvin U. Helman	Water Street	3	394	281	21	8	32	26	320	7	7	479 00	2,334 00	Alexandria, Pa.
Samuel C. Long	Sulphur Springs.	3	229	232	30	3	13	13	173	8	2	82 29	399 02	Mann's Choice, Pa.
Diodorus S. Diefenbacher	Altoona.	1	430	290	42	9	42	46	378	13	38	340 00	2,433 00	Altoona, Pa.
Cyrus J. Musser	Huntingdon.	2	369	151	10	2	15	6	323	10	4	260 49	1,141 00	Huntingdon, Pa.
Christian W. Summey	Greenfield.	4	447	424	43	2	19	2	374	3	1	159 09	500 63	Clarksburg, Pa.
Joel W. Alspach.	Everett.	3	183	110	10	3	19	12	170	2	1	80 40	6,594 98	Everett, Pa.
Chas. W. E. Siegel.	Orbisonia	3	108	80	8	2	8	5	104	1	1	37 50	423 00	Orbisonia, Pa.
Total, 20.		47	4872	3337	320	62	282	174	4278	103	2	\$2,809 28	\$22,631 58	

San Fran. Classis.

Julius Frenndeling
George Mechttersheimer
Lawrence D. Leberman.
C. F. Huebner.
Theodore G. De Lyre
Charles M. Schaaf.

Total, 5.

Portland-Oregon

John Gauteubeth, D. D
Jacob Muehlhaupt
Julius Lange
H. A. Schwichtenberg
Hartman Stauss.
Gottfried Graedel
Albert Kreuter
Stella
Astoria
Sandy.

Total, 7.

VI. GER. SYN. OF THE EAST**New York Classis.**

John F. Busche, D. D
Louis B. Schwarz.
Charles Bank
Casper Brunner.
Charles T. Heimberger
Wenzel Walenta.
Frederick Fox
Charles H. Ebert.
Adolphus Lepp
Henry C. Hoyer
Fred. E. Hauser, D. D

Total, 11.

West N. Y. Classis.

J. F. H. Dieckman.
Charles Gundlach
Frederick Schaad
Henry Dieckman.

1	54	..	5	..	10	25	..	2	1	56	..	\$10 00	\$300 00	San Francisco, Cal.	
1	30	..	2	..	15	..	..	1	1	60	..	25 00	650 00	Stockton, Cal.	
1	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	25	..	..	20 00	Philadelphia, Pa.	
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	San Francisco, Cal.	
3	109	..	7	..	10	67	..	3	3	141	..	\$35 00	\$1,200 00	Napa, California.	
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Huntington, Ind.	
1	80	95	25	..	2	10	60	..	8	4	1	80	1	Portland, Oregon.	
2	64	62	15	..	3	7	..	2	1	2	73	..	\$8 35	Salem, Oregon.	
2	59	79	12	..	..	..	..	1	1	25	..	12 00	375 00	Stafford, Oregon.	
2	70	82	4	..	11	15	68	4	..	2	63	..	6 00	Mink, Oregon.	
2	30	40	20	..	..	77	..	..	..	2	30	..	10 00	Bethany, Oregon.	
1	36	45	6	..	..	7	22	..	8	1	65	..	32 00	Seattle, Wash. Territ'y.	
1	20	2	2	..	..	15	..	..	..	1	7	..	11 00	Seattle, Wash. Territ'y.	
1	40	2	2	..	9	26	..	..	..	1	20	..	..	Napa County, Cal.	
1	30	7	7	..	9	22	..	..	..	1	9	..	..	..	..
2	40	10	..	..	..	30	..	2	..	25	..	..	..	..	..
14	464	421	93	..	34	89	287	4	18	6	14	397	1	\$89 35	\$2,261 30
1	400	300	140	..	26	23	243	..	14	10	1	400	..	\$723 00	\$2,402 00
1	92	39	..	..	11	92	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	New York City.
1	300	135	34	..	9	21	200	1	7	12	1	150	..	60 00	Boston, Mass.
1	157	75	106	1	24	12	290	1	16	5	1	160	..	53 00	New Brunswick, N. J.
1	314	136	38	..	13	12	290	..	4	6	1	160	..	40 00	Bridgeport, Conn.
1	130	90	48	..	21	15	185	..	2	8	2	185	..	30 00	Milltown, N. J.
1	200	150	163	..	25	25	200	..	50	33	2	250	..	25 00	Brooklyn, N. Y.
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7	1593	886	568	1	129	103	1310	2	93	80	8	1305	..	\$921 00	\$17,749 00
1	950	487	137	1	61	45	925	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	269	120	34	7	..	180	..	..	11	59	1	500	3	\$363 00	\$5,578 00
2	173	60	12	1	16	..	135	1	..	16	1	140	1	384 00	1,022 00
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MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Uncon- firmed.	Bap- tisms.		Addi- tions.		Communed.	Dis- missed.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud't Min'ry.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.								Benevolent Purposes.	Congrega- tional Purposes.	
John Rök	Ebenezer	1	163	87	13	10	105	4	3	1	80	3	1	80		\$617 00	\$1,324 00	Ebenezer, N. Y.
Moritz Heinze	Salem	1	320	200	60	18	153	218	4	4	20	1	250	1	56 00	1,324 00	Buffalo, N. Y.	
Jacob Storrer	Emanuel's	1	180	113	14	21	83	155	1	12	5	1	115	1	50 00	600 00	Buffalo, N. Y.	
Charles Kuss	Emeritus	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Rochester, N. Y.
John Niehoff	Without charge	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Forreston, Ill.
Total, 8.		8	2,247	1,263	284	139	236	1,809	20	27	107	8	1,280	4	\$1,064 00	\$11,421 00		
Ger. Phila. Classis.																		
John G. Wiehle, D. D. }	Salem's	1	985	775	209	53	19	750	4	1	49	3	795	1	\$699 00	\$9,897 00	Philadelphia, Pa.	
Frederick W. Berlema. }	Zion's	1	647	325	94	30	9	560	2	23	18	1	400	1	480 00	2,556 00	" "	
Nicholas Gehr, D. D. }	Bethlehem	1	574	302	57	22	10	570	14	20	20	2	481	1	341 00	3,171 00	" "	
Peter H. Dippell	Glassboro 1.	2	121	67	13	3	2	80	2	1	2	1	60	1	19 00	350 00	Harrisburg, Pa.	
G. P. Seibel	St. John's (Egg Harb.)	1	51	25	1	1	1	25	1	1	2	1	50	1	1 00	115 00	" "	
J. B. Forster	Emanuel's	1	139	106	53	1	9	4	120	1	2	1	206	1	46 00	931 06	Philadelphia, Pa.	
John B. Kniest	Emanuel's	1	326	23	2	25	31	148	4	4	4	1	250	1	75 00	4,702 00	" "	
A. Emil Dahman	St. Paul's	1	440	275	58	21	31	310	3	21	2	2	350	1	310 00	2,400 00	" "	
George A. Scherr	St. Mark's	1	325	310	166	61	57	482	1	35	7	1	690	1	31 00	2,400 00	" "	
John Kuelling, D. D	St. John's	1	204	92	9	3	8	165	1	52	5	1	82	1	2,349 00	2,349 00	Lancaster, Pa.	
Robert Assman	Gnaden & Stockton	2	813	587	72	40	6	300	1	7	20	2	300	1	55 00	1,075 00	Hazleton, Pa.	
Levi K. Derr	Zion's	1	285	90	22	15	45	240	1	3	3	1	150	1	72 00	1,500 00	Reading, Pa.	
Vacant	St. Luke's	1	275	165	67	18	51	165	1	8	1	325	1	374 00	1,495 01	Philadelphia, Pa.		
Adam Boley	Emanuel's	1	295	225	35	21	25	190	6	9	8	1	150	1	54 00	1,530 00	Williamsport, Pa.	
John Voegelin	St. John's	1	124	91	4	4	4	90	1	1	1	100	1	150	1	1,530 00	1,530 00	Philadelphia, Pa.
Gottbold L. Reef	Without charge	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Lancaster, Pa.
Christ. E. W. Beyer	Without charge	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Philadelphia, Pa.
Total, 16.		17	5,734	3,435	883	325	298	4,205	31	171	149	21	4,389	2	\$2,537 00	\$34,471 00		
Ger. Mar'd Classis.																		
Marcus Bachman	Ev. Ref. St. Paul's	1	690	515	175	40	21	549	4	25	34	1	396	1	\$175 00	\$2,975 00	Baltimore, Md.	
John Conrad Hauser	Ref. Emanuel's	1	490	411	141	23	17	350	1	3	12	1	405	1	307 00	2,160 00	" "	
Herman Biefeld	Ref. St. John's	1	70	32	2	3	3	65	1	3	7	1	35	1	5 00	470 00	Frederick, Md.	
Gustavus Facius	Ref. Zion's	1	378	267	75	28	15	323	1	7	8	1	200	1	100 00	2,000 00	Baltimore, Md.	
Conrad Borchers	Ref. St. John's	1	536	193	70	25	19	400	1	40	12	1	184	1	471 00	1,730 00	" "	
Wm. L. Elterich	Ref. Trinity	1	112	46	16	13	13	106	1	10	4	1	70	1	21 00	907 00	Washington, D. C.	
Total, 6.		6	2,276	1,464	479	132	85	1,793	4	89	77	61	1,290	1	\$1,079 00	\$10,242 00		

W. Penn. Classis.

Max F. Dumstreay	1	133	49	14	5	117	9	4	1	175	\$25 00	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Casper Scheel, 3	1	120	78	8	...	100	2	3	1	50	16 00	Middle Lancaster, Pa.
Charles A. Limberg	1	50	20	7	...	45	1	1	...	...	...	Butler, Pa. Pa.
Independent cong.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Allegheny, Pa.

Total, 4.

VII. CENTRAL SYNOD.**Heidelberg Classis.**

David A. Winter	1	48	14	4	10	48	4	6	1	165	\$29 15	Crestline, Ohio.
John H. Klein, D. D	1	100	70	3	21	390	3	11	1	75	952 62	Gallion, Ohio.
John F. Winter	2	202	130	10	...	65	1	3	2	155	45 00	Whetstone, Ohio.
Lewis M. Kerschner	4	180	115	12	1	8	125	2	4	165	100 00	New Winchester, O.
Herman Korthauer, D. D	1	85	47	11	7	135	2	3	1	50	120 00	Sulphur Springs, O.
Bechtolt Ruef	3	312	176	18	2	32	...	5	2	160	29 00	Bucyrus, Ohio.
Philip Ruhl	4	260	158	8	32	212	...	5	2	250	122 00	Lykens, Ohio.
Daniel F. Schroth	4	200	114	21	10	210	2	9	4	250	135 00	Prospect, Ohio.
Henry S. Gekeler	2	280	175	14	2	150	2	1	4	100	60 00	Marion, Ohio.
Henry Hollizer	1	455	320	52	17	190	2	9	2	260	200 00	Upper Sandusky, O.
F. H. W. Kuehlerman	1	96	53	7	24	85	4	15	2	135	36 55	Kenton, Ohio.
William Dieckman	2	151	93	7	3	2	91	3	1	150	987 00	New Knoxville, O.
Gottlieb Beisser	1	274	205	5	7	20	160	3	1	96	343 58	New Bremen, Ohio.
Peter Greiding, D. D	2	315	166	29	7	14	200	6	2	200	100 00	Spencerville, Ohio.
John G. Kuhl	1	58	36	2	18	4	57	3	1	30	625 00	Lima, Ohio.
Peter Vitz	1	86	60	7	3	5	75	7	1	30	100 00	Beaver Dam, Ohio.
Christian Badertscher	1	36	43	2	8	5	35	4	1	30	3 00	Findlay, Ohio.
John Winter	1	255	160	16	15	9	210	1	1	120	57 50	Delphos, Ohio.
Edward D. Miller	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	720 00	St. Marys, Ohio.
Joseph Kester	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Crestline, Ohio.
Frederick W. Marcus	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Upper Sandusky, O.
Martin Mueller	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Lykens, Ohio.
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Total, 23.

Eric Classis.

Herman J. Rittenik, D. D	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Cleveland, Ohio.
Augustus Becker	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	" "
Christopher Schiller	1	247	174	24	16	6	247	7	8	22	\$291 00	Toledo, Ohio.

1. Now served by Rev. Reinhart Smith, having become vacant by the resignation of Rev. Seibel, who is now serving the Zwingli congregation in Harrisburg, Pa.

2. Now served by Rev. Julius Herold, as Rev. Dumstreay resigned and removed to Zelienople, Pa.

3. He also serves an Independent congregation, which has contributed \$25 for benevolent purposes.

MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES.	CHARGES.	Con- gregations.	Members.		Members Unconfirmed.	Bap- tisms.		Addi- tions.		Com- muni- ed.	Dis- missed.	Excom- muni- ted.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Michael Treiber	1st Ev. Ref. cong	1	365	202	14	...	12	8	250	1	11	2	1	900	...	\$126 00	\$1,183 00	Sandusky, Ohio.	
Frederick Forwick	Vermillion charge	3	301	211	16	...	17	5	225	...	6	5	2	150	...	205 00	950 00	Vermillion, Ohio.	
J. H. C. Röntgen	First Ref. Church	1	446	332	27	2	27	13	320	...	...	11	1	310	2	394 00	1,700 00	Cleveland, Ohio.	
Christian H. Schöpfung	Second Ref. Church	1	228	86	18	...	32	2	250	3	16	10	1	199	...	76 00	1,159 00	" "	
William Friebohn	Third Ref. Church	1	468	312	32	...	32	105	375	2	4	5	1	300	1	93 00	1,722 00	" "	
Nicholas Wiers	Fourth Ref. Church	1	285	126	17	1	33	18	258	5	11	3	1	359	4	293 00	2,142 00	" "	
William Renner	Fifth Ref. Church	1	86	65	13	...	8	...	84	...	...	...	1	82	...	35 00	319 00	" "	
Augustus E. F. Schade	Sixth Ref. Church	1	176	110	18	...	5	...	163	2	42	6	1	150	...	34 00	2,850 00	" "	
William Dreher	Seventh Ref. Church	1	115	112	16	...	8	12	76	...	...	...	1	110	...	24 00	650 00	" "	
John Biery	Kelley's Island	1	65	30	3	...	5	8	32	...	...	...	1	56	...	50 00	400 00	Kelley's Island, O.	
Albert C. Pretzer	Birmingham charge	2	246	169	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	100	...	53 00	600 00	Birmingham, Ohio.	
Hugo Eichelberg	Haskin's charge	3	122	103	10	...	4	20	65	15	...	2	3	70	...	50 00	395 00	Haskins, Ohio.	
Gerhard Kuhlén	Zoar cong	1	55	26	4	...	10	...	49	2	...	...	2	20	...	100 00	250 00	Monroeville, Ohio.	
Henry Nau	New Bavaria	2	332	200	29	...	12	3	200	...	15	5	1	110	1	74 00	1,900 00	New Bavaria, Ohio.	
Herman Rust, D. D	Second cong	1	235	116	22	2	16	4	237	6	8	2	1	176	2	186 00	660 00	Tiffin, Ohio.	
Louis Praikschatis	Youngstown	1	253	160	22	...	13	6	196	1	...	5	1	153	...	11 00	1,085 00	Youngstown, Ohio.	
Henry Trautman	Euclid	1	40	18	6	...	4	...	20	...	...	1	1	35	...	12 00	100 00	Cleveland, Ohio.	
William Zander	Past. Emeritus	1	30	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	...	...	...	Cleveland, Ohio.	
Without charge	Without charge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total, 20.		24	4095	2567	297	5	237	205	3249	44	9	123	84	21	2783	10	\$2,108 00	\$18,895 00	
St. John's Classic.																			
Peter Herbruck, D. D	Past. Emeritus	1	65	18	8	...	...	...	60	9	...	2	...	...	...	\$20 00	...	Canton, Ohio.	
David Kaemmerer, D. D.	Wooster	8	225	213	19	8	30	...	215	19	6	7	3	175	...	94 00	550 00	Wooster, Ohio.	
John G. Zahner, D. D	Shanesville	1	270	240	26	7	15	12	182	8	2	10	1	250	...	85 00	900 00	Shanesville, Ohio.	
Frederick Strasser	Christ's	2	469	422	26	...	33	10	226	10	4	9	2	243	...	303 00	745 00	Orrville, Ohio.	
Moritz Noll	Ragersville	3	370	250	20	8	40	6	288	3	...	9	3	216	...	226 00	892 00	Ragersville, Ohio.	
Jos. A. Keller	Friedens	2	382	375	39	3	24	1	325	7	...	9	2	200	...	128 00	775 00	Hartsville, Ohio.	
Oswald J. Accola	New Philadelphia	1	530	315	42	...	19	28	465	17	25	15	1	300	3	511 00	2,200 00	New Philadelphia.	
Jacob Dahman, D. D	1st Ger. Ref. cong	2	383	315	42	...	24	1	520	...	4	46	1	260	...	81 00	...	Akron, Ohio.	
John B. Rust	Jerusalem	1	600	800	73	1	17	4	110	2	...	2	2	90	...	30 00	...	Canton, Ohio.	
Charles Schmitt	Alliance	2	175	110	19	1	16	4	110	2	...	...	...	...	...	30 00	...	Alliance, Ohio.	
William Stechow	Oldtown	3	300	220	29	...	11	...	220	2	...	...	2	240	...	47 00	...	Stone Creek, Ohio.	

William Braun	1	220	130	20	12	14	155	5	...	8	1	100	1	76 00	1,150 00	Wheeling, W. Va.
C. F. W. Hustedt	1	260	142	12	4	19	96	...	9	4	1	150	...	26 00	813 00	Bellaire, Ohio.
John H. Beck	1	334	234	34	1	3	180	3	...	3	1	135	...	46 00	1,000 00	Mt. Eaton, Ohio.
John C. Klar	2	219	128	22	7	20	2	200	...	7	1	160	...	75 00	665 00	Bedford, Ohio.
John Looser	3	50	20	4	...	...	48	...	...	...	2	90	...	5 00	70 00	Osnaburg, Ohio.
Helvetia	2	166	119	10	...	...	100	...	...	...	2	150	...	52 00	575 00	Helvetia, W. Va.
Waynesburg	3	226	130	17	2	8	1	211	2	8	2	150	...	25 00	375 00	Waynesburg, O.
Good Hope	3	159	185	14	21	...	142	1	...	5	2	130	...	...	...	...
Total, 17.	30	4915	3830	434	36	281	100	1713	79	50	144	28	2919	\$1,810 00	\$12,800 00	...
Cincinnati Classis.																
John Bachman	1	450	275	28	16	8	400	2	...	12	28	1	190	\$376 00	\$1,800 00	Cincinnati, Ohio.
Augustus Tinsmeier	1	140	65	10	14	...	5	150	2	1	...	5	1	67 00	600 00	Ironton, Ohio.
Henry A. Meier	1	230	175	13	12	5	...	...	...	...	2	1	150	132 00	1,150 09	Dayton, Ohio.
John G. Kuhl	1	320	190	13	21	3	300	4	2	...	3	1	125	125 00	1,880 00	Covington, Ky.
Ferdinand O. Zesch	1	703	237	68	42	45	700	4	...	36	16	1	405	538 00	5,138 00	Cincinnati, Ohio.
John M. Grether	5	340	315	23	1	27	12	340	8	30	10	4	150	47 00	1,400 00	Beaver Ohio.
Wm. H. Penneman	1	160	40	2	1	21	...	135	3	5	1	40	...	58 00	750 00	Hamilton, Ohio.
Anthony Seyring	1	106	80	24	12	26	136	1	...	3	1	100	...	47 00	950 00	Ladlow Grove, O.
Jacob Hauser	1	115	108	8	...	2	66	...	...	...	1	45	...	23 00	633 00	Rising Sun, Ind.
Ernst R. C. Meyer	2	115	45	4	3	9	4	69	8	19	1	2	90	17 00	457 00	Arnheim, Ohio.
Charles Becker	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Florence, Ind.
Aurora	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Aurora, Ind.
Hope	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Columbia, Cincinnati, O.
Zion's	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Piqua, Ohio.
Independent cong	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mt. Aub. Cincinnati, O.
John Wirz	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dayton, Ky.
Henry Hanhart	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Cincinnati, Ohio.
Nathaniel Ruetenik	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Buck Run, Ohio.
Henry Rusterholz	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Elmore, Wis.
Total, 16.	19	2679	1530	195	5	174	105	2326	28	3	97	73	14	\$1,430 00	\$13,758 00	...

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

THE SYNODS AND THEIR CLASSES.

SYNODS AND CLASSES.		Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts. Min'try.	Contributions.			
							Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.									Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
I. SYNOD IN UNITED STATES.																						
1.	East Pennsylvania	11	218	458	76030	44437	5858	510	4268	1620	64641	962	1	281	2284	547	50655	72	\$59,744 00	\$301,524 00		
2.	Lebanon	30	52	9656	5790	613	13	446	161	7187	79	32	251	62	5744	12	5744	12	4,003 00	34,387 00		
3.	Philadelphia	21	49	9858	6666	686	34	477	185	8436	113	27	316	62	5660	8	5660	8	5,988 00	28,126 00		
4.	Lancaster	24	28	4387	1020	171	119	239	221	3780	103	49	77	27	4419	6	4419	6	21,509 00	43,483 00		
5.	East Susquehanna	25	38	4873	2259	302	127	312	146	3966	65	23	122	36	3608	4	3608	4	2,903 00	20,279 00		
6.	West Susquehanna	28	81	9165	5503	836	54	585	209	8466	94	56	267	79	5917	3	5917	3	3,475 00	32,540 00		
7.	Goshenhoppen	19	55	4578	2798	318	32	304	173	4170	135	22	101	48	3305	7	3305	7	2,995 00	26,520 00		
8.	Tohickon	10	28	6847	4655	464	44	297	86	6144	78	1	16	223	31	3705	3	3,144 00	18,869 00			
9.	Lehigh	15	36	7009	3797	414	47	274	117	5490	58	16	223	57	3667	7	3667	7	2,957 00	17,627 00		
10.	Schuylkill	23	52	11009	6558	1140	7	645	129	9140	125	40	447	96	7260	22	7260	22	5,429 00	43,296 00		
11.	Wyoming, 1	23	39	9648	6393	914	33	718	203	7902	102	30	326	49	7370	5	7370	5	7,341 00	36,397 00		
II. SYNOD OF OHIO.																						
1.	Miami	10	151	297	20691	7449	858	704	1633	865	16217	389	9	526	344	225	17721	22	14,835 00	77,401 00		
2.	Lancaster	26	54	4869	961	148	279	472	232	4056	66	152	72	43	4420	1	4420	1	5,700 00	18,210 00		
3.	Tuscarawas	12	29	2499	911	107	68	203	49	1882	39	113	80	22	1855	8	1855	8	2,859 00	6,014 00		
4.	Tiffin	16	47	3688	981	147	113	323	150	3083	84	8	90	41	3411	1	3411	1	1,871 00	19,422 00		
5.	Eastern Ohio	25	37	2219	931	102	33	77	74	1730	40	11	42	23	1717	3	1717	3	1,412 00	5,900 00		
6.	Northern Ohio	14	24	2608	955	93	76	218	75	2148	67	74	62	22	2084	2	2084	2	1,176 00	5,139 00		
7.	Iowa	14	25	851	361	51	33	117	26	684	29	15	16	14	822	1	822	1	467 00	3,817 00		
8.	St. Joseph	10	23	902	489	46	37	28	30	766	25	60	27	16	810	1	810	1	515 00	4,171 00		
9.	Kansas	18	39	2336	1235	118	56	150	101	1406	38	11	8	13	738	5	738	5	703 00	8,699 00		
10.	Wichita, 2	16	19	719	625	46	9	45	128	462	1	1	1	1	738	5	738	5	132 00	4,026 00		
III. SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST.																						
1.	Zion's	9	122	149	15708	10547	1289	17	905	609	10517	145	12	387	355	144	8234	19	10,252 00	59,519 00		
2.	Sheboygan	19	30	3215	2598	225	11	128	135	2242	31	6	124	67	27	1732	6	1732	6	2,090 00	12,194 00	
3.	Sheboygan	23	26	2592	1592	243	1	132	95	1781	14	18	58	23	1312	9	1312	9	2,081 00	9,053 00		

3. Indiana.....	25	26	3001	2307	233	199	107	2426	24	152	94	28	2558	1	2,685	00	14,233	00	
4. Milwaukee.....	15	16	1919	1241	209	159	74	1526	16	27	50	16	926	1	964	00	5,408	00	
5. Minnesota.....	11	15	894	702	85	85	52	598	18	2	26	32	14	534	1	601	00	5,037	00
6. Nebraska.....	7	10	605	557	76	36	74	542	21	1	20	11	322	1	440	00	3,527	00	
7. Nebraska.....	10	8	791	772	54	59	32	737	9	1	9	8	383	1	826	00	5,557	00	
8. Ursinus.....	5	10	513	423	61	58	25	264	2	1	17	10	370	1	274	00	1,157	00	
9. Missouri.....	7	8	678	355	103	49	15	401	10	2	19	17	497	1	291	00	3,353	00	
10. Chicago.....	5	58	130	12989	9373	660	412	10237	290	200	206	103	7664	11	8,823	96	51,997	00	
IV. SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.																			
1. Westmoreland.....	15	27	3222	2695	232	132	120	2779	86	49	59	24	1977	2	2,353	57	18,427	00	
2. Clarion.....	13	36	2989	2258	169	170	200	82	2146	56	83	42	25	1725	3	1,814	00	6,702	00
3. St. Paul's.....	7	19	2161	1274	110	159	70	1756	31	50	56	27	1298	3	925	55	5,052	00	
4. Somerset.....	13	36	3101	2293	210	27	89	71	2452	80	50	56	27	1720	3	2,139	00	14,451	00
5. Allegheny.....	10	12	1416	853	89	80	69	1104	37	18	22	11	946	1	1,591	84	7,365	00	
V. SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.																			
1. Zion's.....	12	33	1087	2576	332	236	85	3709	30	66	131	45	3008	7	3,092	00	11,565	00	
2. Maryland.....	32	56	6848	4433	515	39	460	225	5922	140	20	191	51	5517	9	13,276	00	30,651	00
3. Mercersburg.....	16	23	2701	1509	156	67	150	117	2253	63	13	53	20	1496	2	2,055	00	10,770	00
4. Virginia.....	15	29	2250	1247	79	113	34	1746	39	1	22	28	20	1219	2	1,562	00	7,283	00
5. North Carolina.....	14	34	2281	1251	108	21	96	41	1908	34	22	38	20	902	2	536	00	4,681	00
6. Gettysburg.....	16	29	1692	2234	234	12	170	78	3921	54	20	91	24	2149	2	8,282	00	18,620	00
7. Carlisle.....	9	23	2360	1260	112	124	38	2064	42	28	43	23	1645	3	1,176	00	10,931	00	
8. Juniata.....	20	47	1872	3337	320	282	174	4278	103	2	84	69	40	3230	7	2,809	00	22,632	00
9. San Francisco.....	5	3	109	7	93	34	39	287	4	18	6	14	397	1	35	00	1,200	00	
10. Portland-Oregon.....	8	14	464	424	93	34	39	287	4	18	6	14	397	1	89	00	2,261	00	
VI. GERMAN SYNOD OF THE EAST.																			
1. New York.....	11	7	1593	886	568	1	129	103	1310	2	93	80	8	1305	1	921	00	17,749	00
2. West New York.....	8	8	2247	1263	284	2	139	266	1809	20	27	107	8	1280	2	1,064	00	11,421	00
3. German Philadelphia.....	16	17	5734	3435	883	325	298	4205	31	1	171	149	21	4389	2	2,557	00	34,471	00
4. German Maryland.....	6	6	2276	1464	479	132	85	1793	4	89	77	6	1290	1	1,079	00	10,242	00	
5. West Pennsylvania.....	4	3	303	147	23	5	5	252	1	11	8	2	225	1	41	00	2,763	00	
VII. CENTRAL SYNOD.																			
1. Heidelberg.....	4	76	115	15735	10452	1185	61	870	513	10200	198	12	303	375	98	8,893	00	116,750	00
2. Erie.....	23	37	4046	2525	250	178	103	2914	47	33	74	35	2651	3	3,545	00	71,298	00	
3. St. John's.....	20	24	4065	2568	297	5	237	205	3247	44	9	123	84	21	2783	10	18,895	00	
4. Cincinnati.....	17	35	4915	3830	434	281	100	1713	79	50	144	28	2919	4	1,810	00	12,800	00	
5. Cincinnati.....	16	19	2679	1530	195	174	105	2326	28	3	97	73	14	1375	5	1,430	00	13,758	00
															\$141,122 00				
															\$804,321 00				

1. The statistics of Wyoming Classis are included in those of East Susquehanna Classis.

2. The statistics of Wichita Classis are included in those of Kansas Classis.

NOTE.—In the total summary of ministers, the number, instead of 817, should be 825, but the names of some of those recently entering the ministry could not be obtained in time to be inserted in the statistical tables of the classes. —*Stated Clerk.*

CONDENSED TRIENNIAL SUMMARY.

SYNODS.	Classes.		Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-school.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts Ministry.	Contributions.	
							Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.									Benevolent Purposes.	Congrega-tional Purposes.
SYNOD IN UNITED STATES.																				
1884	10	215	458	76030	44437	17356	1331	12591	4415	64641	2484	17	942	6964	547	50655	72	\$152,654 00	\$89,822 00	
1885	9	206	450	71871	43031	5595	401	4108	1368	59083	700	6	318	2305	532	45713	47	45,705 00	282,916 00	
1886	10	218	451	74079	44667	6503	420	4215	1427	59197	822	10	343	2375	523	47312	64	47,205 00	311,382 00	
1886	10	215	456	76030	44437	5858	510	4208	1620	64641	962	1	281	2284	517	50655	72	59,744 00	301,324 00	
SYNOD OF OHIO.																				
1884	9	147	297	25691	7449	2479	1565	3985	2200	16217	1096	22	1742	1025	225	17721	22	36,700 13	234,641 91	
1885	10	145	283	18901	6802	771	339	991	627	15963	419	12	276	311	211	17181	20	10,783 13	80,140 91	
1886	10	144	287	19045	7210	850	522	1361	708	15073	288	1	940	380	225	17495	25	11,082 00	77,100 00	
1886	9	147	297	20691	7449	858	704	1633	865	16217	389	9	526	344	225	17721	22	14,835 00	77,401 00	
SYNOD OF NORTHWEST.																				
1884	9	117	149	15708	10547	3725	51	2520	2527	10517	529	47	905	986	144	8234	19	32,580 00	179,183 00	
1885	9	113	151	13672	10877	1228	19	854	979	10743	141	13	260	292	134	8069	35	12,617 00	60,865 00	
1885	9	115	156	14074	10457	1208	15	758	669	10499	243	22	258	329	139	8575	22	9,711 00	58,799 00	
1886	9	117	149	15708	10547	1259	17	905	609	10517	145	12	387	355	144	8234	19	10,252 00	59,519 00	
SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.																				
1884	5	58	130	12989	9373	2416	239	1912	1305	10237	846	1	487	688	103	7664	11	28,514 49	157,004 60	
1884	5	57	130	12674	8665	839	48	667	464	10723	272	1	167	245	100	7907	13	11,076 49	54,383 60	
1885	5	55	130	12475	8855	767	63	585	429	10214	284	1	120	237	102	7510	12	8,614 07	50,624 00	
1886	5	58	130	12989	9373	810	128	660	412	10237	290	200	206	206	103	7664	11	8,823 96	51,997 00	
SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.																				
1884	10	146	291	30674	19271	5823	890	4747	2550	25455	1549	9	621	2039	260	20204	33	84,809 00	386,322 94	
1885	10	140	287	29084	19067	1946	968	1422	866	24265	518	1	161	660	238	18191	23	29,969 00	143,554 94	
1885	10	143	288	29957	19228	1921	311	1653	843	24831	522	5	177	726	242	18981	28	21,928 00	122,224 00	
1886	10	146	291	30674	19271	1956	311	1667	841	25455	509	3	293	635	260	20204	33	32,912 00	120,544 00	
GERMAN SYNOD OF THE EAST.																				
1884	5	45	41	12153	7195	6279	45	2215	2205	9369	168	4	823	1316	45	8489	7	18,298 00	207,926 00	
1884	5	45	41	10831	6755	1929	22	772	719	8368	42	1	154	441	43	7503	6	6,978 00	50,335 00	
1885	5	45	41	11440	6821	2107	13	713	764	8784	68	2	278	454	44	8011	7	5,658 00	71,945 60	
1886	5	45	41	12153	7195	2243	10	730	722	9369	58	1	391	421	45	8489	7	5,662 00	76,646 00	
CENTRAL SYNOD.																				
1884	4	74	115	15735	10452	3621	133	2588	1540	10200	578	68	781	1189	98	9728	22	28,938 00	237,328 00	
1884	4	74	119	15916	10896	1219	38	929	532	12509	223	26	210	391	103	9440	20	10,156 00	66,530 00	
1885	4	68	115	15994	10798	1217	34	789	495	12151	157	30	268	423	99	9169	15	9,889 00	54,048 00	
1886	4	74	115	15735	10452	1185	61	870	513	10200	138	12	303	375	98	9728	22	8,893 00	116,750 00	
Grand Total: Synods 7.																				
	52	802	1431	133980	108724	42299	4254	30558	16472	146636	7250	108	6301	14207	1422	122695	186	\$382,493 10	\$2,298,228 00	

NOTE.—The number of classes now (Sept. 1, 1887) is 54, and of ministers 825.—*Stated Clerk.*

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY

Of the Reformed Church in the United States, exhibiting the results secured for the year designated at the head of each column, and also for the three years ending in each instance with the date given :

	1878.	1881.	1884.	1887.
Synods	6	6	7	7
Classes.....	45	48	52	54
Ministers	710	752	783	802
Congregations	1,369	1,403	1,465	1,481
Members.....	147,788	161,002	169,530	183,980
Members unconfirmed.....	90,993	96,147	103,112	108,724
Baptisms—infants, each year.....	12,323	13,213	12,665	14,199
“ infants in three years.....	39,059	10,388	38,737	42,299
“ adults, given year.....	880	1,096	1,017	1,741
“ adults, in three years.....	1,882	3,362	3,088	4,254
Confirmed, given year.....	8,456	9,113	9,233	10,733
“ in three years.....	26,733	28,240	27,223	30,558
Certificate, given year.....	3,716	4,113	5,043	5,582
“ in three years.....	11,184	12,263	14,046	16,472
Communed.....	120,681	132,709	136,897	146,436
Dismissed, given year.....	1,566	2,249	2,122	2,551
“ in three years.....	5,175	5,791	5,819	7,250
Excommunicated, given year.....	174	123	63	38
“ in three years.....		567	227	168
Erased, given year.....	512	1,593	1,699	2,381
“ in three years.....		3,869	5,351	6,301
Deaths, given year.....	4,887	4,591	4,787	4,638
“ in three years.....	14,102	14,492	15,292	14,207
Sunday-schools.....	1,237	1,346	1,378	1,422
Sunday-school scholars.....	89,982	103,511	114,720	122,695
Students for the ministry	157	141	145	186
Benevolent contributions, given year.....	\$61,727	\$73,400	\$101,148	\$141,122
“ “ in three years.....	207,417	194,869	327,889	382,193
Congregational purposes, given year.....	531,929	630,189	779,572	804,321
“ “ in three years.....	1,305,905	1,738,213	2,193,018	2,298,228

NOTE.—As will be seen from the above comparative tabular statement, the Reformed Church in the United States is making steady and substantial progress. With respect to the particulars here designated, the *gains* during the last three years, as compared with the triennial summary in 1881, are 16 congregations, 11,450 members, 5,612 unconfirmed members, 3,562 infant baptisms, 1,166 adult baptisms, 3,335 confirmations, 2,426 by certificate, 44 Sunday-schools, 7,975 Sunday-school scholars, \$51,591 contributed for benevolent purposes and \$105,210 for congregational purposes.

Moreover, during the first half of the year 1887, there were two new classes organized, namely, Wichita, April 15th, and Wyoming, June 29th, making now the total number of classes fifty-four (54). There has also been an increase in the ministry, even within the last year, as during May 28 or 30 young men graduated from our theological institutions; and these meanwhile have been mostly licensed, and many of them already ordained and engaged in the practical work of the ministry. The names of some of these do not appear in the present statistical tables, as they could not be obtained in time to be properly placed there. Hence, while the number of ministers is reported in the synodical statistical summary of 1886 as 802, and as now revised 817, the actual number is at least 825.—*Stated Clerk.*

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Accola, Oswald J., New Philadelphia, O.
 Addams, George E., Carlisle, Pa.
 Albright, Daniel B., Orwigsburg, Pa.
 Albright, John H., Colon, Mich.
 Alspach, Joel W., Everett, Pa.
 Alt, Solomon A., Iola, Kansas.
 Andreas, Henry, La Crosse, Wis.
 Andrews, W. M., North Washington, Pa.
 Appel, Richard S., Hamburg, Pa.
 Appel, Dr. Theodore, Lancaster, Pa.
 Apple, Andrew T. G., Charlesville, Pa.
 Apple, Dr. Joseph H., Saegerstown, Pa.
 Apple, Dr. Thomas G., Lancaster, Pa.
 Assman, Robert G., Hazleton, Pa.
 Aughinbaugh, Dr. G. W., Mercersburg, Pa.

Bacher, Theodore J., Ft. Wayne, Ind.
 Bachman, Adam J., Schaefferstown, Pa.
 Bachman, James N., Lynnpport, Pa.
 Bachman, John, Cincinnati, O.
 Bachman, Marcus, Baltimore, Md.
 Badertscher, Christian, Bluffton, O.
 Baeder, Andrew, Bern, Minn.
 Bahner, Franklin F., Waynesboro, Pa.
 Balchly, Alpheus E., Farmersville, O.
 Bair, Henry, Forreston, Ill.
 Balliet, Thomas M., Reading, Pa.
 Bank, Charles, New Brunswick, N. J.
 Barber, Joseph W., Payne, O.
 Barkley, Thomas J., Gettysburg, Pa.
 Barringer, Paul, China Grove, N. C.
 Barth, Sebastian, Crothersville, Ind.
 Bartholomew, Abraham, Lehighton, Pa.
 Bartholomew, Allen R., Pottsville, Pa.
 Bates, William H., Johnstown, Pa.
 Banert, E. E., Watertown, Wis.
 Baum, Christian, Wheatland, Iowa.
 Bauman, Adolph H., Mink, Oregon.
 Bauman, Elias, Portland, Oregon.
 Bauman, Fred C., Zwingli, Iowa.
 Bauman, John N., Delmont, Pa.
 Bausman, Dr. Benjamin, Reading, Pa.
 Bausman, B. F., Shepherdstown, W. Va.
 Beade, Jonathan C., Waterloo, Ind.
 Beam, Samuel Z., St. Petersburg, Pa.
 Beck, Edward M., Germantown, O.
 Beck, John H., Mt. Eaton, O.
 Becker, Augustus, Cleveland, O.
 Becker, Charles, Florence, Ind.
 Becker, Charles, Scranton, Pa.
 Becker, Cyrus J., Catsaqua, Pa.
 Becker, Philip, South Whitley, Ind.
 Beisser, Gottlieb, Spencerville, O.
 Bentz, Henry, Yankton, Dakota.
 Berkey, Alfred G., Waynesburgh, O.
 Berleman, Fred. W., Philadelphia, Pa.
 Beyer, Christian E. W., Philadelphia, Pa.
 Biefield, Herman, Frederick, Md.
 Biery, Benj. F., Orefield, Pa.
 Biery, John, Kelley's Island, O.
 Binkley, Henry K., Reading, Pa.
 Black, Albert A., Sneiderstown, Pa.
 Bloom, Nathan W., Petersburg, O.
 Boley, Adam, Williamsport, Pa.
 Bollenbacher, Jacob, Chilton, Wis.
 Bolliger, Abraham, New Basel, Kan.
 Bomberger, Henry A., Pt. Pleasant, Pa.
 Bomberger, John H., Columbiana, O.
 Bomberger, Dr. J. H. A., Collegeville, Pa.
 Bonekemper, Wm., Sutton, Neb.
 Borchert, Conrad, Baltimore, Md.
 Bowling, Robert C., Kittanning, Pa.
 Bowman, John C., Hanover, Pa.
 Braun, Jacob B., Albany, Oregon.
 Braun, William, Wheeling, W. Va.
 Brecht, John J., Sauk City, Wis.

Brendle, Dr. Daniel F., Bethlehem, Pa.
 Bretz, John L., Canal Fulton, O.
 Bridenbaugh, Samuel R., Norristown, Pa.
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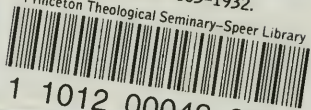


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